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PSST... HERE'S WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON!

One of the reasons behind the Pratten Park riot is that soccer long has been plagued by what can be called a "conspiracy theory". If you are one of the many who subscribes to it, you believe:

- Referee Joe Blowpoulos, being a Greek, invariably is appointed when a Greek club plays against your team, because he will make sure the Greek team wins, and as everyone knows, the Federation always has been against your club.
- Sydney Slippers have a secret tunnel to Federation headquarters, enabling them to have the fixtures drawn up in their best interests week in, week out, every year.
- When you're lucky enough not to cop Joe Blowpoulos, then your referee is sure to be Fred Aberration who always goes out of his way to make sure you lose because his dog was run over outside your ground 15 years ago.
- If you recruit a player from another club, he surely will throw the game when he plays for you against that club.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

- Everyone knows that the Sydney Clodhoppers have won every one of their 15 championships because all they ever do is kick and maul and they're allowed to do that because they have a Transylvanian hypnotist president who has the entire Soccer Federation under his spell.
 - If you're threatened by relegation, the Melbourne Croweaters will throw their game to the team immediately above you, to make damn sure you go down.
 - Officials are in the game only because they want to build up their businesses by recruiting clients from soccer.
 - You never ever lose a game. You always are robbed or sold down the river by sharks.
 - Every referee is a crook.
- Most of these morons don't even know what's going on on the field. They're too busy with their profound theories.

Kick was accidental

By LAURIE SCHWAB

"It's ridiculous to say I went for Soper's head," said Gerry Gomez after he and Soper had been fined \$1000 and suspended for two matches on a charge of having brought the game into disrepute.

"I lashed out at the ball, trying to kick it away, but he dragged it wide to his right and I kicked this



• Gerry Gomez

air, putting me off balance. My leg lifted, I couldn't control it, and I accidentally made contact with him."

"I know it's hard to prove, but I swear it's the truth," Gomez said.

I watched the incident over and over on video, and I am convinced that Gomez was trying to go for the ball. In other words, it was an accident.

Soper, of course, retaliated, and both were shown the yellow card by referee Ken Small, who has nothing at all to apologise about. His decisions were correct and all the criticism of him — some from high places — serves only to provide self-justification for the hooligans who invaded the pitch and caused the Olympic-Hakoah match to be abandoned after 33 minutes.

About Soper's send-off over a second offence, Gomez says: "Having been shown the yellow card, I said to myself: Be careful, don't get the red card. I tried to keep right away from Soper. I got the ball from a throw-in by Jim Cant and was going to pass it back to Tony (Pezzano) but the ball took too long coming to me and with Soper coming towards me, I had to clear it. As I did so, he got me on the side of the calf, just below the knee. The referee sent him off, and had I retaliated, I would have been sent off as well."

"I don't think anyone should blame the referee, and I don't think Soper or I should have been blamed for the fans going onto the pitch."

"Some people said the referee should have sent us both off instead of first showing us the yellow card, but if the fans wanted to come onto the pitch, maybe the riot would just have started earlier."

Gomez said none of the rioters came anywhere near him as the Hakoah players rushed towards the dressing rooms.

"They just picked out particular people — Eddie Thomson (Hakoah coach), John Kosmina, the referee and Tony Pezzano."

To charges by Olympic that Sydney Hakoah inflames crowds with a style of play that is too rough, Gomez says:

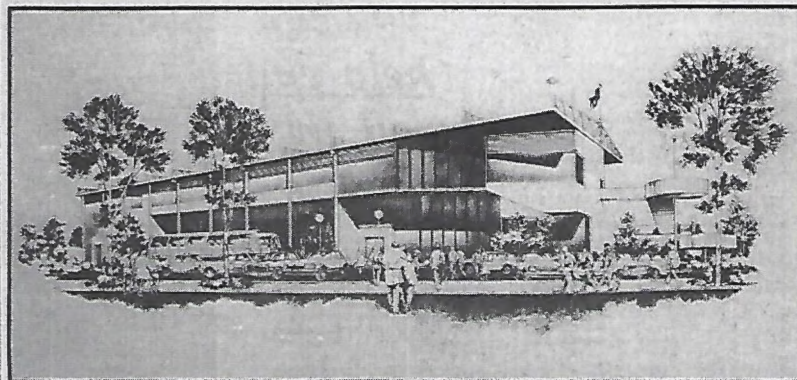
"Joe Watson was brought down three times before the game was abandoned. Paul Kay also was fouled and Ean Rodrigues was elbowed."

"We are tough, sure, but we are not dirty, and we always try to play soccer."

"It's a tough league. When South Melbourne came down last year for the final, there was no way they were going to allow Olympic to play their soccer."

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Here's how the Juventus stadium would look from Albert Street, Brunswick.

Brunswick-Juventus has drawn up plans for a \$3 million sports complex which will be ready for soccer within two years.

Work is expected to start next year and the entire complex should be finished in late 1988 or early 1989.

Juventus paid Brunswick City Council a \$50,000 deposit last November for the land — an old tip site between Albert, Victoria and Gardner Streets.

The sports complex, of ultra-modern design, will be a boon to the neighborhood, as it will be landscaped, surrounded by trees and flanked by ample off-street parking.

The Italian Club Cavour has promised financial help in building the complex. Indeed, the plans include an office for Club Cavour on the

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ground floor where a lounge-dining area, a Juventus office and change rooms also are located.

It is envisaged that a large portion of the ground floor be let out as a gym-squash-swimming centre.

The first floor level features a large glazed reception room from where the match can be viewed between meals and drinks.

The media area — including a press and com-

mentary box in the shape of a soccer ball — will be located on the opposite side of the ground, so that TV coverage takes in the crowd in the grandstand.

Juventus's administration, headed by president Tony Schiavello, Vince Verducci, Sam Mainenti and Joe Caruso, has been assured of solid financial support for the complex by leaders of Melbourne's Italian community.

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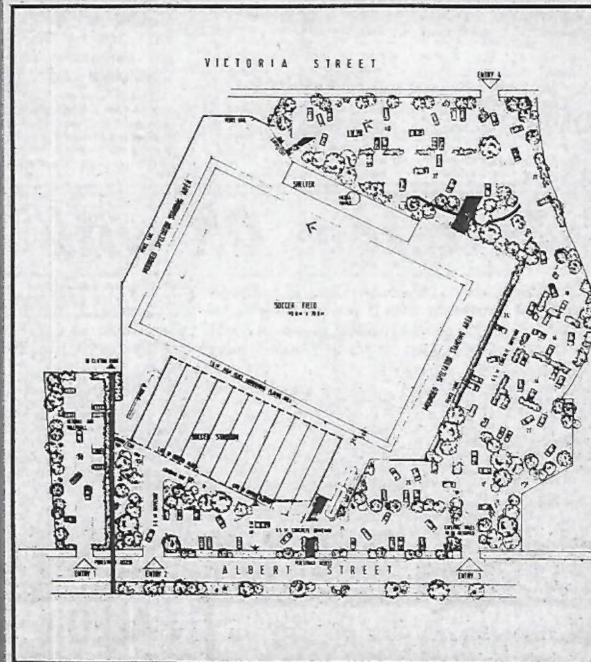
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ANATOMY OF A RIOT

What Premier Wran failed to mention was that the riot took place in the rubbish dump known as Pratten Park — a primitive, almost prehistoric ground that should not be licensed in a civilised country.

At long last, soccer again has grabbed public attention. True, it needed the prodding of an ugly riot, the mindless savagery of a few dozen or perhaps hundred lunatics — but we've made it.

On the front pages and in stern, eyebrow-raised editorials, in radio and TV news bulletins, where soccer's exploits can so rarely penetrate, the Pratten Park riot was big news.

Everybody had to say his piece; there was a rich flow of pious exhortations from commentators, most of whom took a thinly veiled delight in soccer's agony.

The usual clichés were offered by the usual sources: politicians hinted at "unacceptable" and "un-Australian" activities and wondered if all these foreigners could be trusted with this grand old game.

Even some soccer writers were caught in the hysteria of the moment. One, whose tribes back home are among the world's worst, having turned several European stadia into dust and rubble, angrily advocated the winding up of Sydney Olympic, if there was no other solution.

Tragically, there may not be any, unless we regard the traditional aspirin cures as such.

We live in a dangerously violent age and violent society; people are full of aggression, prepared to have a brawl or even kill for a parking space or right of way and other small issues.

Consequently, wherever large crowds gather, the chances of violence increase considerably.

Of course, there are crowds — and crowds. Some 2,000 university lecturers taking part in a seminar are not quite as likely to run amok as are 2,000 fairly primitive soccer fans.

It is gratifying to know that Sydney Olympic officials resisted the temptation to deny that the rioters were their Greek fans. Who else would have run on the field, trying to maim or kill the referee and opponent players with galling fences, flagpoles and heavy medical boxes?

If we take the Brussels tragedy as a precedent, where not only Liverpool but all English clubs were punished for the behaviour of their fans, then Sydney Olympic had to be found guilty.

The \$10,000 fine seems modest although, for a club notoriously on the verge of a spectacular financial collapse, it will cause hardships. Banning Olympic would have been the next step but this, clearly, couldn't be done.

Australian soccer is heavily Greek-flavoured; several of the dominating officials are Greek and so are five of the NSL clubs. It is a Greek-run league which is not likely to stone to death one of its own.

Olympic's disappearance also would deeply distress the other Sydney clubs as they count on Olympic to provide one of the season's two good games. The other is provided by Croatia.

Suppose, for argument's sake, that they do get rid of Olympic. Then, in a few months,

Mr. Premier, you can help end all this

there is a similar riot at Croatia and they expel Croatia, too.

Can the Northern Division of the NSL function without them?

Of course not; the whole damned thing may as well revert back to the NSW Federation and function as an amateur body.

Average attendances, already low, would drop further, probably below the 400 level, hardly sufficient to maintain the credibility of a semi-pro soccer league.

So Olympic cannot and will not be banned unless its fans begin to machine-gun players of the opposing team as they take the field.

The fine, the bond, the extra police and armed officials, the suspension of Pratten Park for the rest of 1985 (3 matches are involved) and the loss of the two points to Sydney Hakoah (the game would have been lost anyway) are fairly mild punishments — but just about the only ones that were possible.

It will be interesting to see what serious attempt is made by the Olympic club to ban those known to have participated in the riot.

And what would a life ban mean, anyway? Remember that horrible Anzac Day riot at Wentworth Park in the 1960s when Greek fans of Pan Hellenic invaded the pitch, kicked and bashed several South Coast players including Jim Kelly?

I know at least one of these rioters who was caught, charged (fined) and then banned for life from all grounds.

He was back within weeks — and has been going weekly ever since; I wouldn't be surprised if once again he was in the thick of the "action".

Controlling crowds isn't easy. In England they have been trying to find a solution to soccer crowd violence for some 20 years.

And now, here in Australia, we have "experts" who, in a few hours, through a divine spark perhaps, hope to make it where the English and others have failed for years.

The NSW Government, in mock indignation, took out from motels a decaying red starting and wondered whether it shouldn't start at once rebuilding the old Sportsground.

Of course it should — but won't. There is no



Andrew Dettre

election this year or next; and there are no votes in a soccer stadium at the moment — or even later.

What Premier Wran, the TV panelists, sociologists and sundry who had to put in their two-pence worth failed to mention was that the riot took place in the rubbish dump known as Pratten Park in a primitive, almost prehistoric ground that should not be licensed in a civilised country.

If people are forced to watch sport in animal-like conditions, they will behave like beasts. And Sydney — come on, Premier Wran, politicians, aldermen and other sermonisers, admit it — has the most unwillful sporting facilities for fans of any major city in the developed world.

The Pratten Park riot has also disproved the old furore that people who sit at soccer don't misbehave.

All those creatives who began the invasion of the field were seated.

Perhaps not in royal box comfort but still seated, on those rotting benches in front of the "grandstand". (Why haven't some of the best of the most fire-prone thoroughfare, ever got rid of that awful contraption?)

It's an amusing spectacle to see some of the other Sydney club officials virtuously shaking their head, like prim virgins condemning their fan sister.

What they are trying to say is that at their games, with their crowds, such barbaric events couldn't take place.

Well, it's true: at the matches of several clubs, there is no chance of a crowd disturbance. In fact, no chance of a crowd.

The only danger is that one day, at one of these suburban grounds, the players will attack and assault the spectators.

Personally, I don't think there is an easy solution to the problem: no sure way of guaranteeing the eradication of violence at soccer.

Not here, not in Britain, South America, Africa, China or Europe. Dozens of recent cases from all over the world vouch for that.

People who are interested in our semi-pro soccer, like the NSL, have, sadly enough, only two choices.

They are either prepared to put up with all the conditions that go with the games — or they quit.

Primitive grounds, lack of seats, toilets, parking and catering, together with poor soccer, poorly refereed, and then the prospect of foul language, small skirmishes and an occasional riot — and all that for a mere \$5: that's one choice.

The other is what has been taken by thousands in recent years: stop going to soccer.

And when a few thousand more do that we will, assuredly, have no more crowd violence off the field and players like Gomez and Soper can kick each other's head off in total privacy.

Maybe, that is the elusive solution.

My goodness, how terribly un-Australian

By LES MURRAY

Ian Wooldridge, the award-winning English sports-writer, wrote in the "Daily Mail" after the Brussels riot:

"Now you and I (the English) are the scum of the world, and if you don't believe it just read the newspapers in New York and Munich, and Johannesburg, and Tokyo and Melbourne, and, particularly, Moscow ... they will judge us by association."

"And if you wish to be associated with what happened, then I don't."

He meant, of course, that because the hooligans in Brussels were English, the primitive mind the world over will judge Brussels as a sample of English behavior.

And so it will be, for quite a long time I fear, for Australian-based Greeks and soccer fans after last Sunday week when a few hundred cretins decided to represent soccer and the Greek community by jumping the fence at Pratten Park.

Guilt by association is an ugly human instinct, but it IS a human instinct we all have at some time to some degree or another.

Ray Martin, that debonair, intelligent, eloquent and thoroughly credible television reporter (late of "60 Minutes" and more recently compere of his own daytime talk show) may have found himself caught in that instinct two days after the Pratten Park riot.

Sitting in for Mike Willesee on the Monday night, he interviewed Olympic secretary Tom Doumanis and referees' secretary Doug Rennie.

The inevitable question to Doumanis was: Why does this only seem to happen in soccer?

But it happens in other sports, too, was the reply. Oh, but it doesn't.

Yes it does, just go to rugby league matches where there's regular crowd misbehavior and arrests are made. But that's just not true.

But it happens. Well, that's just not true. Or words to that effect.

Martin then turned to Rennie — who was there representing the welfare of referees, rightly wanting protection for the men in black — and a cosy little exchange followed.

I have no transcript of the exchange, but the two talked about why and how it is that migrants bring their battles or habits to Australia, Rennie muttering something about how he as a migrant Scot has been ready to adapt to Australian ways and he doesn't know why others don't.

Now all that may sound innocent to some, but the premise that the hooliganism was somehow foreign and a manifestation of foreign habits is not only inaccurate but it has the distinct, pungent smell of racism about it.

The cretinous behavior of the offending Olympic fans at Pratten Park was, at its mildest, objectionable because it was objectionable. Not because it was "un-Australian".

One who is of this affair cited as peculiar to soccer was the fact that supporters ran onto the field. Because, you see, while rugby and cricket fans may be violent they just never run onto the field.

As if that makes an iota of difference. In other words, beating the bejesus out of each other on the Cricket Ground Hill, petting each other with cans and generally behaving like proper slob is OK. Running onto the field is not only OK, it's foreign!

Besides, non-soccer fans and non-migrants also run onto the field. Or have we forgotten cricketer Terry Alderman's famous tackle on a spectator some years ago?

One big difference between the Pratten Park incident and other cases of sporting yobbishness is that the cameras happened to be there, and because the yobbishness spread the length and breadth of the field, the cameras could record it.

There were, for instance, some 70 people arrested for crowd violence at the recent rugby league test between Australia and New Zealand at Brisbane's Lang Park. But, somehow, the offences were buried deep in the news, the cameras never recorded them and we didn't get to hear about them until the morning after the telecast.

"It is true that we can't afford the fine but we have paid it and Sydney Olympic will be there when the last ball is kicked in Australia," Sydney Olympic secretary Tom Doumanis said.

Olympic was fined \$10,000, put on a \$20,000 good behavior bond and banned from using its home ground, Pratten Park, until a fence is erected around the playing pitch.

Olympic will survive

The measures were taken by the NSL following a crowd riot during Sydney Olympic's NSL match against Sydney Hakoah at Pratten Park last Sunday week. Hakoah's 1-0 scoreline was allowed to stand.

Doumanis fired a broadside at Hakoah, saying: "The real cause of the trouble was that over the years because of our enormous ill feeling had built up against them."

Their physical tackles are something the spectators do without and sports can do

not forget behavior like that of the player who once pulled down his pants and bared his backside to the crowd."

Hakoah spokesman Andrew Kennedy said Doumanis' comments were "really scraping the bottom of the barrel."

"In our opinion tension has been building up over the years because of our outstanding success," said Kennedy.

"Olympic can't win on the field by playing fairly, so

they attempt to win by foul means."

"Sydney City Hakoah has proven its superior playing ability by winning numerous championships over the years and being consistently successful."

Doumanis said: "This marks the beginning of a new attitude by Sydney Olympic. We will pull ourselves together and we will realise our potential as the greatest soccer club in Australia."

Accident: Gomez

much better. I was up against the winger, and I was more aware about what I had to do. I just had to stay with him, watch him all the time. But again, there was no midfielder in front of me for the first 20 minutes or so, until Patikas and Odzakovic came over to help.

"I wouldn't blame anyone else, though, just myself — particularly for the first game."

Gomez was recruited to the squad as Alan Davidson's

replacement, because Arok always had admired the big Costa Rican-born utility player.

Back to the Pratten Park controversy, Gomez made it clear that coach Thomson had not instructed him to look after Soper.

"I was just supposed to play centre half and that's all. I was up against not only Soper, but also Kalantzis and Patalis, depending whereabouts on the field they were at any given time. I was never out to chase Soper."

Socceroos OK with Krncevic, says 'Davo'

Socceroo Alan Davidson flew to London last week confident that if the national team could pick up its scoring ability, it would qualify for the World Cup finals in Mexico next year.

Davidson had been holidaying with his parents in Melbourne while he recovered from a fractured bone in his lower back — a memento of a hard tackle while playing for Nottingham Forest last season in the English First Division.

"My back is good and physically I couldn't be happier with the way things have gone," said Davidson.

I have been putting it to the test at swimming, training three times a week with Hellas

and playing squash two hours a day for the past two weeks."

Davidson's fitness is welcome news for national coach Frank Arok who has unsuccessfully experimented with a number of players to find a suitable substitute for the right fullback.

The return of Davidson, and the availability of former Glasgow Rangers striker David Mitchell and Eddie Krncevic from Belgium, has greatly strengthened the Aus-

By TED SIMMONS

tralian team for the World Cup qualifying rounds later this year.

"There haven't been many occasions when we've had four good strikers, two of whom have played overseas, like Mitchell and Krncevic," said Davidson.

"If everything falls into place, then we've got a very good side."

This has already been proved by the progress from the matches against England to winning the recent international tournament.

"No one can foresee the future in World Cup matches

but then nobody would have thought John McGovern would have been so easily knocked out of the Wimbledon singles. So how can they say we can't get to Mexico?"

Davidson praised the Australian midfield and defence but felt there was still a scoring problem although it could be reduced with Mitchell and Krncevic.

"It is a bonus for the team to have European-experienced strikers available and must put more pressure on the battle for selection."

"European teams play for and score from half chances. If they get five half chances, they generally put four away."

"But we tend to play for full chances by taking the extra

step and trying to make sure." Davidson and Arok have conferred on the defender's physical condition and his availability for the World Cup matches against New Zealand and Israel.

Forest manager Brian Clough has already given permission for the versatile full-back to have time off for the World Cup matches and Arok will confirm details with the club.

Davidson rates Australian aggression and the will-to-win as the big weapons for the national team.

"They are our true strength. People are starting to respect the Australian team and it's up to us to keep going," he said.

"I've played in the national side since 1979 and this squad appears the most capable of getting a result."

"The important point is to keep playing together and to get as much understanding as possible."

Davidson will move into full training with Forest when he arrives and has been thankful for the opportunity of doing gymnasium work and aerobic exercises in Melbourne.

"I'm starting to get sharper and mobile," he said.

"I can't afford to have too much of a break because I'll be left behind and it will take me so much longer to get into shape for the start of the English season in mid-August."



Alan Davidson



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FALLON BANNED — GRAY REJOINS VILLA

• New Zealand coach Kevin Fallon has been banned from the benches of Rothmans' National League grounds for the remainder of the current domestic season.

The suspension arose after incidents between the volatile coach and the referee of a Chatham Cup game, in which Fallon's Glendowie City was eliminated by regional league side Patene. Grant Turner,

Gisborne and South Melbourne Halls, scored the only goal. The suspension does not extend to World Cup games.

Scottish striker Andy Gray, who helped Everton win the English title and the European cup winners' cup last season, this week joined First Division Aston Villa.

Gray, who cost Everton \$A400,480 in 1983 when it bought him from Wolverhampton, was sold for \$A300,360.

Villa, which recently sold Midfielder Gordon Cowans and striker Paul Rideout to Italy's Bari for \$A1,702,040 was pleased with its 'bargain' as it sold Gray to Wolverhampton for \$A2.80 mil-

"Andy is a winner and will bring a tremendous amount of competitive spirit to the club. I am absolutely delighted," Graham Turner, new manager of Villa, said.

• Gornik Zabrze is the Polish First Division champion, finishing one point ahead of Legia Warsaw.

• Former England captain Mick Hills has been appointed manager at Stoke City.

• Trakia Plodiv, which originally finished third, has been declared Bulgarian League champion following the disbanding of CSKA and Levski Spartak. Trakia's only previous league success was in

As expected, Danish international forward Michael Laudrup who has been on loan to Lazio for the past two seasons, is to return to Juventus as replacement for Zdzislaw Boniek.

• Brazilian midfielder Didi has moved from Ascoli to Como.

• The first round draw for the knockout series to find South America's fourth World Cup finals qualifier is: Paraguay v Colombia and Chile v Peru. The ties are over two legs commencing on August 1.

• Former APFA Leicestershire striker Bill Pirie is now with Scottish Highland League club

Young 'Roos off to China next week

In four Australian States, 18 young sportmen are preparing for a great soccer adventure.

They are going to China later this month to compete against 15 other nations in the inaugural World under 16 Kodak soccer tournament.

The boys come from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia.

The Australian team assembles in Sydney on Friday and departs for China on Thursday, July 25.

The tournament winner will receive the Kodak Cup.

The Australian team won elimination matches in the Oceania section in New Zealand in 1983 to qualify for the final 16.

In China the Australians have a tough draw.

In Group B they play, in order, Argentina, Zaire and West German at Tianjin which is 135km from Beijing, the Chinese capital.

The first match against Argentina will be played on Wednesday, July 31, the second against Zaire on Friday, August 2 and the third against Germany on Sunday, August 4.

The Australians are not dismayed. Team delegation leader Ian Brusasco, is confident his team will do well.

The team includes West Australian identical twins, Gareth and Craig Naven (both midfielders) who have represented Western Australia for many years at the various under age interstate championships.

A third West Australian, Scott Racey (striker) plays in the same Perth club as the Navens - Bayswater International.

Queensland left midfielder, Alfie Catalano, thought he had missed team selection because of his age, after he had helped the Australian team qualify in the Oceania tournament.

Luck smiled upon him. FIFA altered the original age limit from January, 1989 to August 1, 1988. Alfie, who has represented Brisbane since he was nine, made it by 25 days.

The other Queensland representative is Damien Butler (centre back) of Ipswich United.

Victoria has the most team members - eight and New South Wales five.

The Victorians, all from Melbourne clubs are: Colin Cooper (striker), Anthony Grieco (midfielder), George Jolyevski (left back), Corrado Nobile (goalkeeper), Robert Runje (sweeper),

Mark Talajic (midfielder), Stan Thodis (striker) and Paul Trimboli (striker).

Two of the New South Wales players are country boys. Craig Foster (midfielder) plays with Geelong in Lismore and Michael Graham (sweeper) plays for Wallend in the Newcastle competition.

The other New South Wales players are from Sydney. They are: David Barrett (fullback or midfielder), George, Bouhous (goalkeeper) and David Scott (left back).

Other teams in the tournament are:

GROUP A - China, Bolivia, Guinea, U.S.A.

GROUP C - Saudi Arabia, Costa Rica, Nigeria, Italy.

GROUP D - Qatar, Brazil, Mexico, Hungary.

The two leading teams, after three qualifying matches, qualify for the quarter-finals followed by semi-finals, with the final being played in Beijing on Sunday, August 11.

The executive director of the Australia Soccer Federation, Brian Emery, said the young soccerers were starting an adventure that could see many of them selected in the Australian 1988 Olympic Games team. (From 1988 Olympic Games soccer will be an under - 23 tournament).

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I come to this euphoric conclusion for two main reasons. The first is the already well-canvassed theory that the noon kick-offs and the atmospheric conditions in Mexico will favor the skilful and the creative - as they did in 1970.

The second is a quick glance down the list of teams that already have qualified and across the network of qualifiers still in progress.

If one dares to go a smidgin further and predict all 24 qualifiers, it promises to be a most impressive gathering indeed.

As we know, six teams are already there: Mexico, Italy (automatic qualifiers), Uruguay, Hungary, Brazil and Argentina.



LES MURRAY

On the current standings in the European qualifying groups, West Germany and England also are virtually assured of their places.

And you don't have to be too daring to predict that among the other European contenders - again based on their current standings and the matches they still have to play - Poland, Bulgaria, Denmark and Spain are likely to be there.

Poland has simply a home match against Belgium to make it. Bulgaria, on top of a group from which two qualify, has only to make sure by beating Luxembourg away.

Denmark leads a similar group and looks comfortable if one looks at its matches ahead, of which an away game against the Soviets is the only tough one.

And Spain (not that this will please Australia) should finish first in its group provided it beats Iceland at home by sufficient goals. And given the way the Spanish demolished Malta before the '84 European Championship and the three they scored against Wales at home in this World Cup, that should not be beyond them.

There are four groups in Europe where the runners-up also qualify, and, again on form, they should be Sweden, Romania, France and the USSR.

A further European qualifier will come from a play-off between the runners-up from group 5 (Holland) and group 1 (likely Belgium). And on recent form Belgium should win that.

Among the "third world" qualifiers, where it matters little who makes it in terms of evaluating the total field, the strongest contenders as I write are to be Iraq, Japan, Egypt, Nigeria and Honduras.

There is a further team to come from South America, taken from a pool of runners-up in the earlier group matches: Peru, Colombia, Chile and Paraguay.

My pick - for no particular reason, just a month - is Peru.

That leaves one qualifier, to be decided between the runner-up in European Group 7 (I'm saying Scotland) and the Oceania winner (and I won't even dare suggest that will be anyone other than Australia).

And for the purpose of the exercise - not to mention national morale - I'll pick Australia.

So they, apart from one or two mis-hit predictions here and there, should make up the 24 teams who will then be seeded and split into six groups of four. And, according to those seedings, each group

will comprise three established and strong soccer nations and one from the under-developed world.

Thus a hypothetical draw could read something like this: GROUP 1: Mexico, Italy, Peru, Iraq.

GROUP 2: Poland, Uruguay, Sweden, Japan.

GROUP 3: Brazil, Hungary, Romania, Egypt.

GROUP 4: France, Argentina, USSR, Nigeria.

GROUP 5: West Germany, Bulgaria, Spain, Honduras.

GROUP 6: England, Denmark, Belgium, Australia.

Not bad for a lineup is it? As for who would advance from there, or even win the Cup, just remember a few historical facts.

Five of the 12 World Cups so far have been won by the home nation.

Only four nations - Italy, Uruguay, West Germany and Brazil - have won it on foreign soil.

Only Brazil has won three World Cups on foreign soil.

No European team has won any of the five World Cups held in Latin America.

Only Brazil, in 1958, has won a World Cup outside its own continent.

Only two nations, - Italy and Brazil, - have ever managed to retain the trophy.

In every other case the Cup winner alternated between Europe and South America.

Only three "third world" nations - United States in 1930, Cuba in 1938 and North Korea in 1966 - have ever made it past the first round.

12 editions of the World Cup finals, Brazil has lost only 10 times in 57 matches.

SBS-TV's next nostalgia game, to follow the fabulous 1960 Real Madrid-Eintracht affair the network screened in May, is on August 3.

It's the 1965 final of the European Cup Winners' Cup between West Ham of Moore, Peters, Sealey, Boyce, Hurst and Sissons.

Three of those players - Bobby Moore, Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst - were to become heroes of England's World Cup winning team a year later.

TSV Munich (whatever happened to them?) were also a fine, cultured team, with two Yugoslavs - midfielder Beana and the spider-like goalkeeper Radenkovic standing out.

It was still the era of carpet football, played on a Wembley turf which was still carpet by today's standards.

NEW LOOK NSL

A true national league of two teams from every State, made up of the best players and controlled by the present NSL clubs - that's the blueprint for soccer success put forward by former FIFA referee and APLA manager Frank Sbisá.

He was reacting to "Soccer Action's" story headed: "Trendsetter Croatia... is one league the answer?"

The article reported, in part, that many clubs were clamoring for a return to a one-league NSL format because of dwindling crowds.

Here is Sbisá's proposed cure for soccer's ills:

1) A true National League of Australia, incorporating all States.

2) Two teams only per State (14 teams): (eg NSW 2, Melbourne 2, SA 2, Qland 2, WA 2, Tasmania 2, ACT 2).

3) One match only played in each capital city per week, on the best ground available, with all publicity, promotion and advertising concentrated on our venue.

4) Full professionalism for 15 players, one coach and one manager per team (17x2 = 34 per State).

5) All junior soccer and any other soccer (women, amateurs and others) must stop at noon on Sunday.

6) A proper "national" sponsorship for this League could easily be obtained, to cover at least the extra travel involved (one team per State per week).

7) Present NSL clubs in each State to form limited companies with a board of directors to control the two teams.

8) Teams selected from existing players in each State.

9) Excess players to be redistributed in other States to achieve a balance of quality.

10) Existing clubs in each State to continue their identity in each State Federation which would serve as a nursery to the National League.

11) Better training and selection of referees and linesmen to control National League matches.

12) A professional approach by players, coaches, managers and officials.

13) Financial structure (per State) cost (10 months season = 40 matches).

34 staff at \$500pw x 52 = \$884,000

Ground rentals, etc (40x2000) = 80,000

Administration/promotion (NSL) = 36,000

Travel (20 trips at 5000) = 100,000

Total Cost \$1,100,000

Income (40 Matches)

10,000 (average) x 40 at \$5 = \$2,000,000

Advertising at Ground = 100,000

National Sponsor (per state) = 100,000

Total Income \$2,200,000

14) Above figures are based on a 10-months season/40 matches, average attendance of 10,000 per match.

Burns wants job here

Francis Burns, who played in the Manchester United team that won the 1968 European Cup, wants to coach in Australia.

He can be contacted at 8 Derbyshire Road South, Sale, Cheshire, England, phone: England 061-973-9937.

Burns toured Australia with United in 1967.

NSW girls tops

New South Wales defeated ACT 3-0 and Northern NSW 4-0 in Hobart to end up clear winners of the 1985 Caddbury Cup National Under 17 women's soccer championship in Hobart.

The team was undefeated over seven matches for 14 points with surprise packet Western Australia runners-up on 10 points from South Queensland on goal difference.

Suzie Coughey and Nicole Komoroski both scored twice in the clear-cut win over Northern NSW, a game that had been expected to be much closer.

Over the week NSW scored 23 goals. Its keeper Wendy Volkmeier did not have to pick one ball out of her net.

Coach Colette Fitzpatrick said: "The team performed magnificently. A close 1-0 win over Western Australia in the second round put us on the track to victory."

Julie Hebb (NSW), Joanne Rooney (WA) and Kim Drayton (NSW) ended joint top-scorers for the tournament on seven goals each.

In an exciting floodlit clash at Grove Street, South Queensland and Western Australia ruined their chances of overtaking NSW by drawing -

Kerrie Rowe scored for South Queensland and Joanne Rooney made a great run to finish off with the equaliser.

Northern Territory produced two exceptionally fine players in midfield dynamo Nicole Green and deceptive striker Tanya Dwyer.

In the Under 15 tournament, it was Tasmania that laid the foundation for the ultimate NSW win by disposing of Northern NSW in its floodlit game.

The 2-1 result came from two goals from striker Tanya Patterson with Northern NSW's score resulting from an own goal.

NSW ended on nine points with Northern NSW runners-up on goal difference from South Queensland and Tasmania, all of which secured five points.

South Australian squad

The South Australian State squad for a match against Red Star Belgrade at Hindmarsh Stadium on Wednesday, August 13:

GOALKEEPERS: Martyn Crook (WA-Hellas), Willie McNally (AC-Juventus).

DEFENDERS: Brenton Hiern, Graham Honeyman (WA-Hellas), Neville Flounders, Buggy Nyskohus (AC-Juventus), Paul Shillabeer (Beograd).

MIDFIELDERS: Sergio Melta, Adrian Santrac, Brian Northcote (AC-Juventus), Chris Manou (WA-Hellas), Garrie Dooley, Jan Kierno (Polonia), Brian Welsh (Beograd).

FORWARDS: Steve Maxwell, Charley Villani (AC-Juventus), Richard Preston (Beograd).

The squad is coached by Mike Wells.

BROWN SNUBBED BUT BONACIC IN

Victorian State coach Tim White has broken up Hellas's Charlie Egan Doug Brown attacking partnership, but has chosen Gary McDowell and Luka Bonacic in what could be the finest mid-field Victoria has had in perhaps a decade.

The State team will play against the Australian youth team on August 4, in the curtain-raiser to PSV Eindhoven v AEK Athens, and on August 11 against the team that finishes third in the international tournament.

The tournament features also Red Star Belgrade and Australia.

All games in Melbourne will be at Olympic Park. Games also will be played at St. George Stadium and Hindmarsh Stadium.

McDowell of Hellas and Bonacic of Footscray J.U.S.T. are the obvious choices for the two central midfield positions, with Steve Tasios and perhaps Tommy Cumming playing wide.

Bonacic has been in Australia for only four weeks but his superior ability makes him a must for the State selection.

Chris Taylor is a welcome addition to the squad. He has been in fine form for George Cross and probably will play at left back, with Bobby Russell taking the right-back position.

But where are Ian McKie, Steve Marley and Stuart Stevenson of Heidelberg?

The squad is: GOALKEEPERS: Peter Laumets (SM-Hellas), Yanka Banovic (Juventus).

FULL BACKS: Bobby Russell (SM-Hellas), Peter Lewis (Juventus), Chris Taylor (George Cross).

CENTRE BACKS: Steve Blair, John Yzendorn (SM-Hellas), John Dowie (Juventus).

MIDFIELDERS: Gary McDowell (SM-Hellas), Paul Wade (Juventus), Tommy Cumming (Green Gully), Steve Tasios (Heidelberg-Alexander), Luka Bonacic (Footscray J.U.S.T.).

STRIKERS: Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas), Joe Sweeney (Juventus), Steve Smith (Makedonia).



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Leaders:
13. Egan (SMH)
10. (Price) (WAH), Stevenson (H'b), Sweeney (BJ)
8. Lewis (GG), D. Brown (SMH), Latiff (SGC), Smith (Mak)
7. Zinni (BJ), Ward (M.Cr)
6. Lujic (JUST), Reis (BC), Spink (Mak)
5. Maxwell, Villani (ACJ), Tasios (H'b), Petersen (BJ), Cole (Mak)
4. Northcote (ACJ), Belic (JUST), Hamilton (BC), Lucchesi (GG), Cullen (BJ), House, Lujic (M.Cr), Lane (Mak)

Youth leagues

Victorian Youth League results: Green Gully 7 Croydon City 1, Frankston Pines 2 Footscray 3, Nunawading City 2 Fawkner 0, B.U. Juventus 1 Sunshine G.X. 1, St Melbourne 2 Heidelberg Utd 1, Preston 0 Melbourne Croatia 2.

STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sth Melb	13	3	4	19	28	
BU Juve	10	7	2	21	27	
Heid Utd	13	1	5	29	30	
Melb Croatia	11	5	3	24	27	
Preston	10	5	4	23	25	
Footscray	9	3	7	35	21	
Green Gully	9	2	8	47	26	
Sunshine G.X.	6	4	9	37	28	
Nuna City	5	5	9	20	49	
Fawkner	3	3	13	21	64	
Frank Pines	2	2	15	22	74	
Croydon City	2	2	15	15	76	

This Saturday's game: Frankston Pines v Green Gully.

Sunday's games: Sunshine George Cross v Nunawading City; Melbourne Croatia v South Melbourne Hellas; Heidelberg Alexander v Brunswick Juventus; Croydon City v Preston Macedonia; Footscray J.U.S.T. v Fawkner.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

AIS 3 d Inter Monaro 2, AIS 6 d Blacktown 3, Newcastle 1 drew with Wollongong 1, Canberra 3 d Blacktown 1, St George 4 d Leichhardt 2, Marconi 3 d Sydney City 1, Olympic 1 d Inter Monaro 0, Penrith 3 d Croatia 2.

Points: Wollongong 27, Canberra 27, Sydney City 21, Newcastle 21, AIS 20, St George 20, Leichhardt 19, Inter Monaro 17, Marconi 12, Croatia 15, Olympic 15, Blacktown 14, Penrith 12.

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Leaders:

- 38. Hoare (B)
- 29. Greedy (St.G)
- 28. Gibson (P)
- 27. Franken (Can)
- 26. Kastner (SGC), Traianedes (Mak)

24. Hocking (IM)

- 23. Wishart (BC), Runje (M.Cr)
- 19. Oliver (H'b)
- 17. Evans (BL), Denys (GG)
- 16. McNally (ACJ)

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NSL UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD \$500 to the winner

Leaders:

- 47. A. Hunter (BL)
- 46. Slater (St.G)
- 44. Bundalo (W)
- 36. Dickson (M)
- 34. Maxwell (ACJ)

30. Gojovic (M.Cr), R. Stewart (BL)

- 29. Tapai (JUST)
- 27. Franken (Van)
- 26. Traianedes (Mak)
- 25. Koczka (St.G)
- 23. Farina (SCH), Runje (M.Cr)

Bogdanovic for Croatia?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals.

SUNDAY

Sunshine-George Cross v BRISBANE LIONS at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm
SYDNEY CROATIA v Blacktown City at Croatia Sports Centre, 3 pm
West Adelaide Hellas v GREEN GULLY at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm
Heidelberg-Alexander v BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS at Olympic Village, 3 pm

Brisbane City v PRESTON MAKEDONIA at Spencer Park, 3pm
FOOTSCRAY JUST v Adelaide City Juventus at Schindler Reserve, 3 pm
APIA-Leichhardt v CANBERRA OLYMPIANS, at Lambert Park, 3 pm
Penrith v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Cook Park, St. Mary's, 3 pm
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v Newcastle-Rosebud at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm
Wollongong v ST GEORGE BUDAPEST at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3 pm
Inter-Monaro v Marconi (draw) at Seiffert Oval, 3 pm
MELBOURNE CROATIA v South Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Park No. 1, 3 pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v APIA-Leichhardt at St. George Stadium.

Melbourne Croatia is trying frantically to obtain a visa for brilliant forward Jozo Bogdanovic of Yugoslav Second Division club Split. If he arrives in time, he may play against South Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Bogdanovic is rated one of the most exciting players in Yugoslav soccer. Croatia registered him with the NSL last year, but he decided instead to stay on in Yugoslavia and try to help Split gain promotion. The club failed narrowly, however.

Sydney Hakoah should be equal top of the Northern Division ladder by next Wednesday, despite the absence of Steve O'Connor who's suspended yet again, while Heidelberg and Melbourne Croatia will determine leadership of the Southern Division.

Croatia beat the present leader, Hellas, 2-1 last time they met, and may just prove to be Hellas' hoodoo team.

Heidelberg, which lost 0-1 to Hellas last Sunday, takes on second-placed Juventus at the Olympic Village, with Stuart Stevenson back after suspension. Richard Miranda of Juventus, meanwhile, has to serve a second week of his suspension.

Hakoah, after being awarded a victory from the abandoned game against Olympic, is only two points behind leader Sydney Croatia with a game in hand against APIA next Wednesday night. In between, it meets Newcastle-Rosebud at home, and should win both games.

And so, Hakoah should have 31 points by Wednesday — the same total as Sydney Croatia, which should beat Blacktown at home. Croatia, however, has a superior goal difference, so it should retain league leadership.

Former St. George Budapest star Dez Marion, now with Wollongong, faces his former club at Wollongong Showgrounds. After beating Newcastle 3-1 last Saturday, Wollongong now has a real chance of avoiding relegation, but Saints' goalkeeper Terry Greedy is in brilliant form, and Saints have to win to hold off Canberra Olympians' challenge for fifth place.

Canberra should beat APIA — although APIA must gain a point eventually with talent like Colaguri, McBride, Hamilton, Morrell etc. — meaning it could displace St George in the five if St George falters.

Frank Macaroni is a leading candidate for the Coach of the Year award. His Inter Monaro team is unbeaten in nine weeks now, so Marconi can't be at all confident of victory at Seiffert Oval.

Marconi will have Craig Mason back after suspension.

George Cross, now out of the race for the top five, meet Brisbane Lions, who are baring their teeth, intent on giving themselves every chance of success where "George" failed.

The Lions are three points outside the five, but with a game in hand against Brisbane City, to be played during the international series.

Victory in that game would leave the Lions only one point short, so they are determined to win their remaining three, and with talented players like Alan Hunter, John Stewart, Russell Stewart, Alan Niven, Steve Jackson and Clark Anderson, they're good enough to do it.

It's therefore up to Makedonia to do likewise, to hold onto fifth position. Gary Cole and Steve Smith should be back this week for the game against Brisbane City at Spencer Park. Brisbane City was quite woeful against Green Gully last Saturday, and Makedonia is a better team than Green Gully.

Footscray J.U.S.T., at home against Adelaide City Juventus, should claim more South Australian scalps. Juve may finally have Colin McAdam in the team, but he won't sap the enthusiasm of Lujic, Belic, Kodjo, Tapai & Co.

Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

HOCKING (1)

(Inter Monaro)

WILLIS (1)

(Wollongong)

DOBSON (2)

(Makedonia)

RIZZOTTO (1)

(Marconi)

JACKSON (1)

(Penrith)

R. STEWART (2)

(Brisb. Lions)

WADE (1)

(BU-JUVENTUS)

BRYANT (4)

(Can. Olympians)

COTTON (1)

(St. G. Budapest)

LANE (1)

(Makedonia)

LUJIC (1)

(Foots JUST)

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Zinni 7th, Sweeney 59th, Cullen 77th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Olympic park. Attendance: 1409. Ratings by Peter Desira:

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Banovic 5 — Lewis 6, Brown 6, Dowie 7, Campbell 7 — Cullen 7, Wade 8, Petersen 6, Incantalupo 7 — Zinni 7, Sweeney 7. Coach: Ian Margaria.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 5 — James 5, Richardson 7, Bennett 5, Taylor 7 — Bain 5 (Lennon 70th), Faulkner 6, MacLaren 7 — Mitten 5, Latiff 5, Gilder 6. Coach: John Gardiner.

Best six for Brunswicks best player award: 6 Wade (BJ), 5 Cullen (BJ), 4 Zinni (BJ), 3 Gilder (SGC), 2 Richardson (SGC), 1 Dowie (BJ).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Brown 63rd) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 0 at Middle Park. Attendance: about 6500. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 7, McDowell 8, Blair 7, Postecoglou 7 — Boznovits 7, Halford 6, Crino 7 (Vardakis 67th), Murphy 7 — Egan 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 — McKie 8, Angele 7, Yankos 8, Marley 7 — Christopoulos 6, Winn 7 — Metaxas 7, Seledmidis 8, Tsolakis 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

Best six for Brunswicks best player award: 6 Laumets (SMH), 5 Seledmidis (H), 4 Tasios (H), 3 Yankos (H), 2 McDowell (SMH), 1 McKie (H).

GREEN GULLY 4 (Williams 27th, Lewis 48th and 86th, Smallman 75th) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Lujic 31st) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd about 100. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

GREEN GULLY: Denys 6 — Young 6, McLelland 5, Cannell 5, Hogben 4 — Cumming 7, Smallman 3, Williams 4, Campbell 4 (Smart 68th) — Lewis 5, Lucchesi 6. Coach: Steve Short.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 2 — Archer 5, Milovanovic 4, Wilkinson 5, Bromfield 7 — Junna 6 (Farbitz 60th), Mengotti 3, Pimblett 5, Hamilton 6 — Reis 5, Carey 3 (Scriggins 57th), Colovic 3. Coach: John Hermiston.

Best six for Brunswicks best player award: 6 Cumming (GG), 5 Bromfield (BC), 4 Lucchesi (GG), 3 Hamilton (BC), 2 Young (GG), 1 Junna (BC).

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 1 (Senkalski 51st) WOOLONGONG 3 (Brodnick 24th, Stefanovski 73rd, Godzik 79th) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1,310. Ratings by Myles Hay:

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Gosling 6 — M. Jones 7, Owens 6, Boogard 6, Thompson 7 — Maier 8, Macquarrie 8, Brandt 5 — Stewart 7, Todd 6, Senkalski 7. Coach: Willie Gallie.

WOOLONGONG: Veklov 7 — Green 7, Vilestra 7, Willis 8, Gaffney 7 — Hristovski 6, Godzik 6, Bundalo 6 Stefanovski 68th, 77th, Kotamidis 6 — Marton 6, Brodnick 7. Coach: Adrian Alston.

Best six for Brunswicks best player award: 6 Willis (W), 5 Maier (NI), 4 Godzik (W), 3 Macquarrie (NI), 2 Jones (NI), 1 Gaffney (W).

PENRITH CITY 0 CROATIA 1 (Jurin 10th) at Cook Park. Crowd: 2119. Ratings by Brad Earl:

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 7 — Brogan 6, Ainsworth 7, Hebb 6, Campbell 6, Cross 7 — Wotherspoon 6, Hunter 6, Jackson 8 — Jones 6, Licata 6 (Easthope 80th). Coach: W. Wallace.

CROATIA: Watson 7 — A. Kovacic 6, Rozic 6, Vidalic 7, Rezo 7 — Savor 8, Odzakovic 6, Clinch 5 — Junn 6 (Dragicevic 75th), Arnold 6, Patikas 6 (Basic 90th). Coach: V. Rozic.

Best six for Brunswicks best player award: 6 Jackson (Pen), 5 Savor (Croatia), 4 Arnold (Croatia), 3 Cross (Pen), 2 Gibson (Pen), 1 Vidic (Croatia).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Ogun 78th) INTER-MONARO 1 (Titulas 86th) at Croatia Sports Centre. Crowd: 2137. Ratings by Paul Goodwin:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Rogers 7, Jennings 7, Ziras 8, Stanokovic 7 — Johnston 6, Haniotis 6 (Mazzotta 63rd), Raskopoulos 8 — Polias 5 (Lambropoulos 74th sent off 79th), Ogun 7, Kalantzis 8. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

INTER-MONARO: Hocking 9 — Tullawa 8, Williams 6, Budini 8, Titilas 7 — Wilcox 6, Ambrosio 7, Carbone 7 — Giampolo 6, Walsh 5 (Santolito 6), Thanmidis 6 (Brennan 63rd). Coach: Frank Macaroni.

Best six for Brunswicks best player award: 6 Hocking (IM), 5 Kalantzis (SO), 4 Budini (IM), 3 Raskopoulos (SO), 2 Meier (SO), 1 Tullawa (IM).

ST GEORGE 2 (Morgan 63rd, Cotton 66th), APIA LEICHHARDT 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1500. Ratings by Andrew Detre:

ST GEORGE: Greedy 8 — Sken 5, M. O'Shea 5, Ratcliffe 7, Koczka 6 — J. O'Shea 7, Riccio 6, Bozanic 5 — Petkovski 5 (Cotton 55th).

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
STH MELB HELLAS	12	4	3	31	19	28
B'WICK-JUVENTUS	11	5	3	32	17	27
H'BERG-ALEXANDER	8	6	5	26	16	22
MELB CROATIA	9	4	6	25	16	22
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	9	3	7	28	26	21
Sun-George Cross	6	6	7	18	19	18
Brisbane Lions	7	4	7	20	22	18
Adel City Juventus	6	4	9	28	33	16
Green Gully	5	5	9	21	25	15
Brisbane City	6	3	9	24	35	15
West Adel Hellas	5	4	10	21	33	14
Footscray JUST	4	2	13	36	10	

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CROATIA	12	5	2	42	19	29
MARCONI	11	6	2	40	20	28
SYD CITY HAKOAH	11	5	2	33	17	27
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	10	2	7	23	22	22
ST GEO BUDAPEST	7	6	6	28	22	20
C'berra Olympians	7	5	7	29	30	19
Blacktown City	7	3	9	29	26	17
Inter-Monaro	6	5	8	27	35	17
APIA-Leichhardt	6	1	11	19	31	13
Penrith	3	6	10	20	27	12
Wollongong	4	4	11	23	42	12
Newcastle-Rosebud	3	4	12	18	39	10

Bryant threat to Honeyman

Steve Bryant (Canberra Olympians) moved into second place behind leader Graham Honeyman (WA-Hellas) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Honeyman did not play at the weekend, but still has a 13-vote lead with three matches to go.

There was no change among the leaders in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer award, with Charlie Egan, Graham Arnold and Jim Patikas all sharing top place with 13 goals.

"Soccer Action" corrected a mistake in its records. We had credited Wally Savor with a goal against Inter Monaro,

whereas Graham Arnold actually scored it. And what a great goal it was!

Top vote-getters:

- 67. Honeyman (WAH)
- 54. Bryant (Can)
- 53. Egan (SMH), Nyskohus (ACJ)
- 51. Gomez (SCH), Yankos (H'b)
- 49. Rozic (S Cr)
- 47. A. Hunter (BL)
- 46. Slater (St.G)
- 44. Bundalo (W)
- 43. Mason (M)
- 40. Crino (SMH)
- 39. Stevenson (H'b)
- 38. Hoare (B), Biskic (M.Cr)
- 37. Ratcliffe (St.G)
- 36. R. Brown (M), Dickson (C)
- 35. Hamilton (BC), E.

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- Campbell (BJ), Wheatley (B)
- 34. Maxwell (ACJ)
- 33. Lucchesi (GG), Patikas, Odzakovic (S Cr)
- 32. Wade (BJ), McIntosh (M.Cr), Thanmidis (IM)
- 31. Faulkner (SGC), Budini (IM)
- 30. J. Stewart, R. Stewart (BL), Kyriakoulas (JUST), Bertogina (APIA), Gojovic (M.Cr), Ilioski (Mak)
- Top scorers:
- 13. Egan (SMH), Arnold, Patikas (S Cr)
- 10. Janovskis (M), Price (WAH), Stevenson (H'b), Sweeney (BJ)
- 9. R. Brown (M), O'Connor (BL)
- 8. Lowe (M), Lewis (GG), D. Brown (SMH), Latiff (SGC), Smith (Mak)
- 7. Kosmina, Gomez (SCH), Zinni (BJ), Morgan (St. G), Ward (M.Cr)
- 6. Gray (M), Lujic (JUST), Reis (BC), Slater (St.Cr), Spink (Mak), Giampolo (IM), Dragicevic (S Cr)
- 5. Lee (SCH), Maxwell, Villani (ACJ), Tasios (H'b), Petersen (BJ), McKie (B), Lamond (Can), Colaguri (APIA), Cole (Mak), Provan (SO)

SOUTHERN DIVISION

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Price 13th) FOOTSCRAY JUST 5 (Belic 11th and 72nd, Lujic 25th and 44th, Carroll 86th) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Ratings by Allan Crisp:

WEST ADELAIDE: M Crook 6 — Matiscsak 5 (Papadopoulos 46th), Brown 7, Hiern 7, Genikas 8 — Manou 7, Panagis 8, Atsalas 7, Stamatelopoulos 6 — Srafopoulos 6, Price 6. Coach: Neil McGachey.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8 — Karic 8, Kyriakoulas 7, MacLeod 8, Barjakantovic 6 — Tapai 7, Belic 8, Kodjo 8 — Paton 6 (Lazopoulos 56th), Carroll 7, Lujic 8. Coach: Rocco Ilio.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Lujic (F), 5 Belic (F), 4 Karic (F), 3 Genikas (WAH), 2 Kodjo (F), 1 MacLeod (F).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (Lane 14th and 81st, Dobson 53rd) MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (McIntosh 2nd, Lujic 18th) at Kardinia Reserve. Attendance: about 2500. Ratings by Ken Connor:

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 7 — McMillan 7, Dunn 7, Dobson 7, Heys 7 — Ilioski 7, Petrov 7, Opainis 6, Gagic 7 — Spink 6, Lane 8. Coach: Bill Murray.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 7 — Curcio 6, McIntosh 7, Antolovic 6, Hannah 7 — Biskic 7, Gojovic 7, J. Campbell 6, Doankovic 6 (Curvic 6 half time) — Ward 7, Lujic 7. Coach: Dom Kapetanovic.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Lane (PM), 5 Dobson (PM), 4 Runje (MCI), 3 Ilioski (PM), 2 McIntosh (MCI), 1 Biskic (MCI).

BRISBANE LIONS 3 (Anderson 22nd, J. Stewart 36th, Ogden 38th) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 at Richlands. Attendance: 414. Ratings by Ricky Hunter:

LIONS: Evans 7 — D. Hunter 7 (Vasquez 65th), Jackson 8, A. Hunter 8, Niven 7 — Bassingthwaite 6, R. Stewart 9, Ogden 7 — Anderson 8 (P Redmond 6, half time), J. Stewart 8. Coach: Gordon Arrow-Smith.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7 — Santrac 5 (Lungu 57th), Nyskohus 6, Flounders 7, Tobin 6 — Villani 8, Melta 7, Northcote 6, Maxwell 6 — Mullen 6, Vidmar 6. Coach: Edmund Kraft.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 R Stewart (BL), 5 Wright (BL), 4 A Hunter (BL), 3 Villani (AC), 2 J Stewart (BL), 1 Flounders (AC).

NORTHERN DIVISION

Zinni starts 'Cross slide, now for new players

Peter Desira

BU-Juventus 3
S. Geo. Cross 0

Score: Zinni 7th, Sweeney 59th, Cullen 77th.

Venue: Olympic Park.
Referee: Stuart Mellings 8.
Cautions: Taylor (SGC).
Sunshine George Cross has already asked John Gardiner and Jimmy Rooney to stay on as the club's coaches for the 1986 season.

And the club has its eyes on Shaun Parton, Steve Winn and Scott Patterson as possible recruits to turn the club into a championship contender in the next season.

"A lot will depend on the prices asked for those players simply because we are not prepared to pay silly transfer fees," Cross president John Borg said after this game.

Borg himself is uncertain about whether he will stay on as president, not through challenges but because personal matters may hold him back in Malta, when he travels there in October at the end of the season.

"I would like to stay on and would also like to retain most of the committee we have this season."

This afternoon's result has probably blown our chances of making the top five which would have provided a minor bonanza for the club — but even without that we have done well this season," Borg said.

"We have outlaid a total of \$8700 on players (Noel Mitten \$3000 from Polonia, Mark Lennon \$1500, Ivan Istuk from Chelsea for \$2700, and Sam Chetcuti from Moreland for \$1500) and got back \$8000 from selling and loaning out players.

(Even bringing Lou Kastner back to the Cross didn't cost the club money as Croydon paid money on out of releasing the keeper to get Jim O'Reilly in return).

"All but four players (Jeff Faulkner, Carl Gilder, Ossie Latif, and Gerry Bennett) are tied to the club on the second season of their two year contracts so there shouldn't be too many contractual hassles.

"And we have the option of looking for two overseas players as we expect Steve Richardson and reserve goalkeeper Colin Blakely to become permanent residents by the end of the year," Borg said.

The promising news from Borg will soften the blow of this negative result which irked coach John Gardiner.

The coach watched all the game from the media area at the top of the stand and could not contain himself as he made his way down the steps at the end of the match.

He was not impressed with Brunswick Juventus and even less pleased with the performance of his players.

"The first two goals were Gerry Bennett's fault and the third came from a simple cross."

"I would have expected better even if we were out on the training pitch."

But really you would have thought we were 3-0 up instead of being behind the way Juventus played with 11 men at the back."

The defeat was Cross' third consecutive reverse and left

Man of the match:
PAUL WADE
(Juventus)

the club three points adrift of Preston Makedonia with little chance of bridging the gap in the remaining three games against Brisbane Lions, Adelaide City and Footscray.

On the other hand, the result kept alive Juve's hopes of finishing the season as the Southern Division champions.

The 3-0 scoreline was Juve's biggest winning margin for the season and must set the side in a good frame of mind for the remaining three hard fixtures away to Heidelberg, home to Melbourne Croatia, and away at Brisbane City.

Juve was the better side for most of the day yet one can't help wondering what would have been had it not been for such a good start to the game with Cross presenting a gift goal after only seven minutes of play.

The goal came when Gerry Bennett intercepted a through ball from Fab Incantalupo with acres of space and time aplenty to turn the ball back to Lou Kastner.

But he overhit the backpass catching Kastner by surprise and the keeper could only parry the ball and then try to bring down Andrew Zinni, who had chased hopefully as Bennett took his time to make up his mind.

Zinni was brought down but managed to get to his feet first and calmly stroked the ball into an easy net.

Fabio Incantalupo, in for the suspended and injured Richard Miranda, shot narrowly wide and then had a second deflected shot saved by Kastner.

Paul Wade received a lay off from Zinni to force Juve into another good save and Joe Sweeney volleyed another shot wide before Juve increased the score in the 59th minute with a superb goal, which ought to come in the reckoning for the goal of the season.

Robert Cullen supplied the cross from the right and Joe Sweeney met it with a full volley, sending his right foot whizzing past Kastner.

Sweeney celebrated in style and one was left to wonder if his raised fist was aimed at some of us so-called experts who had named him in the "yawn brigade" as one of the most boring players in last week's "Soccer Action".

Juve continued to force the chances with Peter Lewis' header forcing Kastner into another save and Mike Petersen hitting the side-netting with another shot.

Cross finally came out of its shell in the 70th minute with Chris Taylor hitting a shot narrowly over the bar and then Ossie Latif forcing Yakka Banovic into his first real save of the day with a shot on the turn.

But it was Juve which again found the net to put the result beyond doubt in the 77th minute — although the goal would have surprised even the scorer Robert Cullen.

Joe Sweeney — scored his 10th goal of the season

Shaun Parton

Steve Winn

Scott Patterson



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Man of the match:
MICHAEL HOCKING
(Inter Monaro)

Paul Goodwin



Ninth week unbeaten, thanks to Hocking

Syd. Olympic 1
Inter-Monaro 1

Venue: Croatia Sports Centre.

Crowd: 2137.

Referee: R. Davies 7.

Sent off: Lambropoulos (SO).

Cautions: Stankovic, Ziras, Johnston (SO), Brennan (IM).

Scorers: Ogun (SO 78th), Titilas (IM 86th).

Inter-Monaro extended

its unbeaten run to nine weeks but had the acrobatic Michael Hocking to thank for keeping it in the game in the first half.

With the scores level at the break, the Queanbeyan team began to take over and appeared set to score first as it continued to make progress into Olympic territory. As it happened, Olympic itself took the lead, rather unexpectedly, when the talented Chris Kallantzis robbed a Monaro defender on the edge of the box and fed Simon Ogun a perfect pass which gave Ogun the task of beating Michael Hocking with an angled shot from 10 metres.

Then, in the 79th minute, Olympic substitute Alex Lambropoulos was sent off for an off-the-ball incident which must have broken the concentration of the Sydney side.

With only four minutes remaining, Ricky Budini sent a long ball over the Olympic defence and Angelo Titilas ran into empty space to beat Gary Mitten easily.

Earlier in the game Peter Raskopoulos had shown a great deal of initiative in setting up Olympic attacks for Kallantzis.

Hocking thwarted Olympic with his quick reflexes and his 12th minute save from a curling Raskopoulos shot was the first of many.

Only a minute later, evergreen Harry Williams cleared a Stankovic header off the line.

Ogun was unlucky not to score in the 23rd minute when his header struck the bar and then went just over.

Monaro had few real chances in the first half, though Budini's header was saved on the post by an Olympic defender on the stroke of half time.

Olympic began well enough in the second half and Raskopoulos was only inches wide when he turned well and shot from the edge of the box in the 54th minute.

Inter-Monaro began to look more the part from this point and Chris Thanassis found his way into the box on several occasions, but could not deliver a telling blow. The best chance came in the 61st minute. Thanassis made a strong run down the right carried the ball along the by-line and laid the ball off for Titilas, splitting the Olympic defence.

All Titilas had to do was plant the ball past Meier, but other Monaro players arriving on the scene appeared to want a piece of the action and played their own game in the goalmouth, with the result that when the shot eventually came, Martyn Rogers had raced back to cover and was able to clear the ball off the line.

That one-touch-too-much was costly and when Titilas faced Meier later in the game he was not going to allow himself to be distracted a second time. Titilas had moved up to

Greek fans to shun world series

• Sydney Olympic fans protested with signs during the 1-1 draw with Inter-Monaro at the Croatia Sports Centre.

Following the previous weekend's riot at Pratten Park and a \$10,000 fine which was paid last Friday, Olympic fans expressed their opinions with signs draped on the six feet high wire fence around the ground.

And Australian Soccer Federation officials could not have been overjoyed with the one reading "ASF KILLS SOCCER" or another stating "THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT WILL NEVER DIE, THE EVIL FORCES AGAIN HAVE TRIED."

A more positive sign read "OLYMPIC KINGS OF SOCCER" and another "THE SO FANS WILL BOYCOTT THE INTERNATIONAL GAMES."

Another sign read "THEY ONLY HATE THE BEST" and also displayed a Greek flag.

There were also other signs in the Greek language.

help in attack, replacing Walsh, with Santolin coming on to do Titilas's work at the back.

It was a successful move, for Titilas had always looked the most likely to score for Monaro. Even in the 67th minute when Walsh knocked back a Brennan cross, it was Titilas who got in the shot.

Monaro would have been well pleased with its effort in extending its unbeaten run and coming from behind so late in the game.

Olympic would have had mixed feelings about a Greek player having a say in its loss of a point so late in the game.

At least the collection at the ground from a below-average crowd, to assist in paying the fine imposed for misconduct at Pratten Park a week earlier, drew a very healthy response.

Over \$10,000 was reported as being donated and that will also help cover the cost of hiring other grounds for the rest of the season. The fans had to travel over 30 kilometres to this "home" game and they won't relish that prospect in their remaining home games this season.

At least when Lambropoulos was sent off Olympic officials could only agree that his actions were impetuous and he deserved to go.

The crowd made no fuss about the incident, but with memories of the previous week, one might have expected to see a little restraint shown by every member of the Olympic side, however young.

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O'Connor off again: worry for Arok

Marconi 0
SC-Hakoah 0

Ground: Marconi Stadium

Crowd: 1866

Referee: Donald Campbell 9

Cautions: Pezzano, O'Connor, Cant, Watson, Komina (H), Sterrey, Treddinnick (M)

Sent off: O'Connor 76th

O'Connor, booked early in the first half for a late tackle on Peter Sharne, repeated the dose by bringing down Steve Calderan in the 76th minute.

Donald Campbell of South Australia had no hesitation in producing the red card and despite some protests from the Hakoah players, including O'Connor, the tall Hakoah defender had to leave the field.

The game produced 35 free kicks, no goals, cautions galore and sounded the alarm bell for national coach Frank Arok.

His key players in our World Cup campaign are being consistently sent off for foul play! O'Connor and John Kosmina once again entered the referee's book and while O'Connor got his marching orders, the referee and both linesmen did for seeing an incident in which Steve Calderan was flattened from behind.

Had the linesman on the eastern side reported the incident I have no doubts about what Mr Campbell would have done.

The local crowd was very vocal about the referee, asking for some stern action against the visiting players, but I feel that Mr Campbell did a great job.

No referee has eyes in the back of his head, after all. For those who are going to jump on the bandwagon and crucify the whole of the Hakoah outfit, let me point out that Tony Pezzano was booked only for handling the ball outside the area and Jimmy Cant for kicking the ball away after being penalised, which leaves the tally sheet — three yellow cards to Hakoah and two to Marconi for foul play. 25 fouls were committed, with Hakoah guilty of 23 and Marconi 12.

I do not wish to sit in judgement but I would like to point out that what we are to expect in the World Cup campaign is exactly what Mr Campbell did point out. A word of warning if you like!

As for the football displayed, Marconi had much the better of the first half and missed a few easy openings, while the second half was more even although Marconi certainly could feel cheated out of a narrow win.

But if you don't score goals you simply cannot hope for better than just one point.

Pezzano was outside his area early to dive at the feet of



Alex Vesic

flying Sharne and stop what looked like an opening goal for the home side, then Ian Gray found Peter Treddinnick on the edge of the box and unmarked.

Treddinnick failed to control and the ball bounced harmlessly into the hands of Pezzano.

Calderan's header sailed over the bar in the 31st and then came a good run by Brown but his cross was put over the bar by Sharne.

Calderan nodded down for Sharne but the Marconi flyer yet again hit the scoreboard with his effort.

Minutes later David Lowe's persistence almost paid off. He tackled with gusto to win the ball from O'Connor, then beat two defenders to come within inches of the line but his final effort was deflected to safety.

In the dying seconds of the first half and following a corner from the right, Tony

Latchford for Lions?

Former England international Bob Latchford could play for Brisbane Lions next season.

Lions have spoken with the Coventry City striker and are keen to bring him to Australia permanently, club secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said.

"If the money's right, he could be here by January," Oudendyk said.

"He had been here before and knows our set up and the standard here."

Latchford made six guest appearances for Brisbane Lions four years ago.

Oudendyk said Latchford was also being chased by clubs in America and Sweden.

Latchford made his international debut for England in 1978 playing against Italy, Brazil and Hungary.

The following years he played 12 times for England against Denmark, Eire, Czechoslovakia, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Bulgaria and Australia.

Oudendyk would not put a figure on Latchford's asking price but said it was "big money."

— GYNN DAVIS

Man of the match:
JOE RIZZOTTO
(Marconi)

Henderson's header found Rod Brown at the far post. Brown aimed under the crossbar but Pezzano's reflex save kept Hakoah in the match.

The second half deteriorated after two early yellow cards to Watson and Cant into a struggle for possession in mid-field, with neither side making the break.

Hakoah did come closer to scoring, with Joe Watson jinking his way past some feeble defence to hit a left-footer which just missed the far post. Then Barnes scored a shot from seven metres.

Marconi labored during this period and despite some fine runs by Joe Rizzotto failed to assert its first half superiority.

Rizzotto was in superb form for Marconi and most pleasingly never lost his cool, while Joe Watson and Alex Robertson shone for the visitors.

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Divorce hampered Tommy English

Canberra's Tommy English returns to England on August 16 and is determined to fight his way back to the top in British football.

Nationally-circulated soccer magazine "Match" thought English's imminent return sufficiently significant to warrant inclusion of a feature article recently.

In it, English blames the effects of a three-year divorce and custody battle for his loss of form. A former English youth international and First Division star, he slipped down to Colchester United reserves before coming to Australia.

The divorce was settled in April and he has also won custody of his daughter.

English's bid to re-establish himself will be followed closely in Australia.

— PAUL MOON



ROCCO ILLE ISN'T BAILING OUT YET

Lady Luck is on Canberra's side



Peter Windsor

Canberra 3 Blacktown 2

Cautions: J Harkins (O) yellow card. **Crowd:** 610. **Scorers:** 1 Gibson 21st, S Bryant, T English (O); P O'Connor (pen.) 36th, 64th (B). **Venue:** National Sports Centre, Canberra. **Referee:** N Murray 5.

For once Lady Luck smiled on Canberra.

Starting defeat in the face it enabled it to stagger back to 2-2 and then go on to topple Blacktown 3-2 in a last-minute game played in sub-zero temperatures.

For Canberra the win kept its faint post five hopes alive.

Defeat probably ended Blacktown's — although it still has an outside chance.

But as Canberra's coach Roy Thompson said: "We played like the team we were — one riddled with flu."

"Quite frankly when Blacktown got its nose in front in the second half, I didn't think we could come back."

"But we did — with Lady Luck for once smiling on us. It made up for bad refereeing decisions that have cost us dearly in Sydney in the previous two games."

But talking about bad refereeing decision — this game also produced one.

It almost cost Canberra the game. Certainly it saw it go from 1-0 in front and coasting to a temporarily demoralized side.

It happened in the 36th minute.

A high-cross saw Blacktown's midfielder John Larkin contest — and win — an aerial duel with two Canberra defenders.

No-one complained — but then referee Neil Murray pointed to the spot — to everyone's utter amazement.

The explanation? Interference by the Canberra defenders.

Up walked 'old-legs' Phil O'Connor to blast the spot kick into the corner of the net.

Earlier, Canberra's Ian Gibson had scored a superb, solo goal in the 21st minute when he volleyed his shot from fully 25 metres into the roof of the net.

Two minutes after the penalty, however, only an incredible reflex save by Canberra's Tony Franken kept the score-sheet at 1-1.

Blacktown's John Bradley neatly turned Canberra's Terry Burne and shot — to bring out the best in Franken.

The scores, then, were tied 1-1 at half-time and when Blacktown edged in front in the 64th minute it looked curtains for the home team.

The goal was to be the first of three in just 14 minutes.

And it was a neat piece of Blacktown play that produced it.

Way broke midfielder

Man of the match: STEVE BRYANT (Olympians)

Brett Thornthwaite on the right and as he shot, as he moved in from the wing, somehow Franken got his fingers to it — but he could only deflect the ball.

It bounced to O'Connor and his shot found the net.

Blacktown deserved the goal for it and most certainly lifted its game at this stage of the second half and was much more creative from backline through midfield to its two-man attack.

However, then came Lady Luck.

Canberra full-back Steve Bryant whacked his free kick from the edge of the box straight into Blacktown's defensive wall.

But the ball bounced straight into his boot — and opportunity Bryant wasn't going to miss as his lofted second shot fell into the net.

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It looks like a last-game cliffhanger!

By MYLES HAY

Buds wilt against determined 'Gong

N. Rosebud 1 Wollongong 3

Scorers: Brodnik 24th, Stefanovski 73rd, Godzik 79th (W); Senkalski 51st (NR).

Venue: Adamstown Oval. **Crowd:** 1310. **Cautions:** Hristovski (W), Brandt (NR). **Referee:** R. Doonan 7.

Newcastle Rosebud plunged deeper into relegation trouble when beaten 3-1 by fellow straggler Wollongong.

Way broke midfielder

Man of the match: ALLAN CRISP

With Zdravko Lujic, Vlado Belic, Jadranko Kodjo, Tom Karand, Don Macleod in top touch Footscray belied its lowly ranking by completely outclassing Hellas.

The fine effort inspired coach Rocco Ille to predict that his team will yet escape the big drop.

"We are in top form now. We will win our next three games and avoid relegation," Ille said.

"We should have Bonacic back this week so we should beat Adelaide City."

While Footscray dazzled Westad Hellas with its individual and collective skills, Hellas bemoaned the loss, through suspension, of captain Graham Honeyman.

The big sweeper's organisational ability and inspirational leadership was sadly missed.

But there were other reasons for West's sorry display.

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Man of the match: ZDRAVKO LUJIC (Footscray JUST)

Martyn Crook had not trained during the week because of a virus and lacked his usual sharpness. He and coach Neil McGachy, no doubt, regret his decision to play when young Alistair Crook was fit and well and busting to go between the sticks.

John Panagis and Steve Papadopoulos also had the dreaded virus last week and were below their best.

But even if all had been fit, it is questionable that Hellas would have matched the spirited, zestful JUST.

Belic showed the way in the 11th minute when he headed past Crook following a fine free from Kodjo.

It was 1-1 two minutes later when Bill Stefanopoulos floated a right side-cross for Gary Price to flick a header past Dennis Boland.

That was the 10th league goal for Price, but it supplied rare moment of celebration for the Hellas fans.

Lujic restored Footscray's lead in the 25th minute when he intercepted a lax pass back from Brenton Hiort to waltz around Crook.

The scoreboard banefully showed West Adelaide 2, Footscray 1, but the attendant's confusion was no worse than that of the Hellas players.

Three exceptional saves made goalkeeper Peter Laumets the man of the match and paved the way for Hellas's sixth successive victory over arch-rival Heidelberg.

Although Hellas held sway in midfield, Heidelberg's forwards — led with great gusto by captain Theo Selemidis, in the absence of top scorer Stuart Stevenson who was suspended — had the chances to win the match with the wind in the first half.

Hellas survived however, thanks to Laumets, and in the second half, Doug Brown won the match with a powerful drive from 20 metres, just inside the post.

Even then, Heidelberg hit back with a promising breakthrough, forcing Hellas defenders Gary McDowell and Angie Postecoglou to produce their best form of the game.

Hellas had Ken Murphy and Vlado Bozinski back after injury, taking the place of John Kanousilis and George Kalogeros who had both played in the 1-0 victory over George Cross the previous week.

Christopoulos returned after injury to take the place of Stevenson. Steve Winn, usually a striker, played again in midfield, where he had done well against Macedonia while Selemidis, up front, was flanked by Peter Tsolakis and John Metaxas.

Tsolakis's father, Manuel, was a winger in the Hellas team that won the club's first championship back in 1982.

Peter Tsolakis, Steve Tassios, Christopoulos and Selemidis are all former Hellas players — and all were determined to give it everything they had.

Tsolakis, however, had a very tough opponent in Bobby Russell who kept him out of the play until the 34th minute, when Tsolakis should have scored.

Selemidis started a move in which Tassios passed inside to Tsolakis who was unchallenged, facing Laumets, but shot past the post.

Earlier chances had favored Hellas. Doug Brown had belted over on an angle after the ball had eluded Charlie Yankos, and Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Oliver had gone down low to hold a shot from Brown, who had been set up by Charlie Egan.

Winn and left-back Steve Marley tried a couple of long

drive from a free kick against the crossbar and substitute Radi Stefanovski pounced on the rebound to snuff out the Newcastle challenge.

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West Adelaide Hellas had just one moment of joy against Footscray J.U.S.T. last Sunday and this is it. Gary Price (left) heads past J.U.S.T. keeper Dennis Boland, watched by West team mate Brenton Hiort (centre), and J.U.S.T.'s Don Macleod (observed). Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

Lujic lobbed Crook a minute before half time to make it 3-1 for JUST. The goal was a cruel blow for Hellas as it came a minute after Crook had denied Erni Tapai with a brilliant save.

With Papadopoulos on for Leo Matasack Hellas began the long haul back, but even though the strong wind that had favored it in the first half had dropped, Footscray stayed in command.

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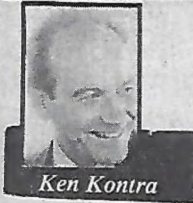
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Ken Kontra

LANE MOVES UP, NETS TWO

Makedonia 3
Melb Croatia 2

Scorers: McIntosh 2nd, Lane 14th, Ljubic 18th, Dobson 53rd Lane 81st.
Venue: Connor Reserve
Crowd: about 2500
Referee: Bernie Upjohn 7

Croatia may wonder how it managed to lose, after leading on two occasions during the match.

Of course the answer is simple. Makedonia scored one goal more, but the decider was actually Makedonia's first rather than its third goal in my opinion. Let me explain.

With a "two goal" wind blowing straight down the park, Croatia scored its tally of two goals with the wind in the first half but conceded a goal as well — a mistake Makedonia did not make in the second half.

It took full advantage of the conditions, and its defence stood firm while its midfield and front-runners kept up the pressure to a degree that the equaliser and winning goal became inevitable.

Croatia, due to a bad run of illness and injury, is going through a "mini" slump, and I am sure that coach Don Kapetanovic will be a relieved man when his squad is fully fit again. Although Tony Curcio, George Hannah and Jim Campbell were back in the side, young Robert Markovac, having missed training due to illness, lined up with the youth team.

Makedonia also had selection problems. Gary Cole accumulated sufficient points to be suspended for one week, and Steve Smith still has not recovered from injury.

Bill Murray pushed Sean Lane up front and gave youngster George Gagic a chance in midfield. Both moves worked: Lane scored two goals in a match-winning performance, and Gagic acquitted himself well in one of his rare first team appearances.

Croatia took an early lead when in the 2nd minute Dave McIntosh headed home from a corner. There was quite a scramble preceding the goal — the ball came back from the upright and crossbar twice with Makedonia unable to clear and the header from McIntosh seemed to be helped on its way by a Makedonia defender trying to head over the bar.

Just 12 minutes later, Makedonia was on even terms again. Zoran Illoski's corner was poked home by Sean Lane from close range after Warren Spink's shot was blocked on the line.

Makedonia's jubilation was short-lived as Croatia went ahead again in the 18th minute. It was a well worked goal — Gary Ward held off several challenges before pulling the ball back from the goal line for Ante Ljubic to tap in from two metres.

In the windy conditions prevailing, the one goal advantage proved to be insufficient, and despite some excellent goalkeeping by Mirko Runje, Makedonia came out on top in the second half, equalizing in the 53rd minute through an Ian Dobson header from a corner kick and Sean Lane clinched victory with nine minutes of play remaining.

Lane's winner was a fine goal, although the blustery conditions had a hand in it. Runje's kick into the wind did not achieve the desired distance, Lane collected the ball, ran ten metres and with Runje still off his line, chipped it over his head to give Makedonia the two points and consolidate its position in the top five.



Sean Lane

Man of the match:
SEAN LANE
(Prest. Makedonia)



Roy Cotton



Paul Lewis, who scored twice for Green Gully against Brisbane City, rides a tackle from Mike Milovanovic. Claude Lucchesi is in the foreground. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Wishart woeful, City's finds hopes fizzle

Green Gully 4
Brisb. City 1

Scorers: William, Lewis 2, Smallman (GG); Junna (BC).
Venue: Green Gully Reserve.
Crowd: about 100.
Referee: E. Venios 8.

Coach Jim Hermiston's hopes of reaching the Southern Division top five were dashed when his Brisbane City team crashed at Green Gully Reserve.

Hermiston had reasoned that, with a game in hand against Brisbane Lions, his team potentially had 17 points — only two less than fifth-placed Makedonia.

However, he had not counted on the poor form of his goalkeeper Kim Wishart and the long range shooting ability of Green Gully's Jim Williams and David Smallman.

Rozic slams Cook Park

By BRAD EARL

Penrith 0
Syd. Croatia 1

Venue: Cook Park.
Scorer: Jurin 10th.
Crowd: 219.

Sydney Croatia left Cook Park with two vital points in the battle for supremacy in the Northern Division but failed to reach the high standard it has set itself this season.

Croatia lacked spark and rarely threatened the well-organised Penrith defence. Its best players were Wally Savor, who was active in midfield, and Graham Arnold, who worked intelligently in attack despite being tightly marked.

Croatia captain-coach Vedran Rozic was critical of the rough surface at Cook Park which he said was not conducive to good football.

Man of the match:
TOMMY CUMMING
(Green Gully)

Williams opened the scoring in the 27th minute when he accepted a pass from man of the match Tommy Cumming and drove the ball past Wishart from 20 metres.

Brisbane City midfielder Ray Junna equalised four minutes later with a header after a cross from defender Garry Bromfield.

Another long range shot by Williams crashed against the cross bar in the 33rd minute, leaving the score at 1-1 at half-time.

Lucchesi created Green Gully's second goal three minutes after the break.

Man of the match:
BRIAN JACKSON
(Penrith)

Despite that drawback, the match was an entertaining, end-to-end encounter. And it once again highlighted the puzzling form of Penrith.

The relegation candidate recently went through a horror patch against lowly displaced opposition. Yet its best displays in recent weeks have been a fighting 2-1 loss to Sydney City and this 1-0 loss to Sydney Croatia.

Three times Michael Gibson, the Penrith goalie, was called upon to tip dangerous shots by Croatia players over the bar. One save, which denied Arnold following a great turn and a shot by the

St. George 2
Apia 0

Scorers: Morgan 63rd, Cotton 66th.
Venue: St George Stadium
Crowd: About 1500
Caution: Marian
Referee: Gary Power

For almost one solid hour the two teams were deadlocked in a dreary, sterile duel which seemed destined to end without goals and with the points shared.

Then Roy Cotton came on, replacing young Peter Petkovski — and all of a sudden he transformed the Saints into a smart footballing side.

Cotton has been one of Sydney Soccer's enigmas for years.

On his day, he is a more complete striker than all the current Soccerro starlets rolled into one — Super, Kosmin, Farina with Mitchell thrown in as a bonus.

On such days Cotton glides through the field like a Franz Klammer schusses down the slopes, sells dummies, flicks and backheels the ball, sprays radar-driven passes 30 metres — and becomes deadly in front of goal.

This was such a day. Spending only 31 minutes on the

HERCULES STEWART!

Man of the match:
RUSSELL STEWART
(Bris. Lions)

master in midfield in this game and Adelaide City never got a look in.

Stewart also seems to have thrown off his laziness that saw him fall into a form slump earlier this year and his work-rate in the humid conditions was herculean.

It made up for the midfield absence of usual workhorse John Stewart, who had been switched to the forwards — and with devastating results.

John formed a deadly partnership with Wright, who relished finally having a player who would run off him, looking for the touches.

Although still troubled by the ankle injury which sidelined him for so long, Wright is slowly regaining the confidence, which made him one of the most feared young strikers in the National League.

Lions, who need virtually to win every game to the end of the season to gain a top five berth, looked the goods from the kick-off.

John Stewart was the target man and simply, but perfectly, laid-off for the speedy Anderson who raced away and put his shot in off the upright in the 22nd minute.

A combination between Wright and John Stewart gave Lions their second. Wright danced his way through the midfield then slipped a nice ball for Stewart, who gave Willie McNally no chance in driving a low hard shot into the goal.

Three minutes later Wright and Stewart combined again. Stewart launched Wright into attack with a pinpoint pass from the halfway and Wright played with the Adelaide defenders as he beat three on the edge of the penalty box.

He finally found his way to the byline where he played a low hard cross which the ever-alert John Ogden at the near post steered into the net.

Adelaide City was obviously beaten and a whitewash looked possible. But Lions substituted the flu-affected Clark Anderson at the break and missed his speed in the second half.

Afterwards Adelaide City's Edmund Krefl conceded that there had been only one team in the match and if they could repeat their performance, Lions were real semi-final chances.

Croatia forward, drew applause from referee David Nugent! Another two saves in the second half denied Zarko Odzakovic and Rozic.

However, Gibson's good work counted for naught after Zarko Jurin scored in the 10th minute. Savor lobbed the ball forward and Jurin rushed clear to score. Only a minute later, Ian Witherspoon beat Steve Watson but Peter Jones, who pushed the ball over the line, was ruled offside.

Penrith also had a goal disallowed when referee Nugent ruled that Watson had been fouled as he spilled the ball. Underdog Penrith kept coming at Croatia and forced errors but its finishing let it down. Penrith's star player was Brian Jackson who worked his heart out in midfield as well as carrying out his defensive duties.

With only a few rounds left, Penrith is running out of time to secure its status in the NSL.

Man of the match:
ROY COTTON
(St. George)

Andrew Dettre

Roy Cotton: like rare champagne

Now, enough of the hymn. Let's hope this former England Schoolboy international has more performances like that in store for us.

There were few noteworthy events in the first half. Apia appeared to show more nerve and cohesion, yet the Saints had the first two chances when Morgan, then Peikovski, missed in the goal-mouth.

Five minutes from halftime Tommy McCulloch headed over the bar from a couple of metres — that deed was symptomatic of his listless display.

Right on the bell Colagiuri beat the offside trap and staged a remarkable duel with Greedy, three times he slammed the ball into the diving goal at pointblank range, all within five seconds.

In the 58th minute Bozanic was to be replaced by Cotton — but Bozanic declined and was allowed to stay on Democracy at work!

Instead, the annoyed Petkovski was marched off.

And on came Cotton, to change the topography of the game.

In the 63rd minute he sent the entire Apia defence the wrong way with an elegant backheel that found Morgan, whose sudden low shot sneaked into the corner.

Three minutes later Cotton was at it again. Ratcliffe's powerful header was travelling towards the goal and an uncertain fate, with a throng of players in front of the line.

But a rapier-like reflex volley by Cotton changed the direction of the header and crashed it under the bar — a superb professional goal rarely seen even from the best.

Two more misses by ordinary mortals were on the program. McBride and Ratcliffe at opposite ends messed up chances when it would have been easier to score.

The Saints were far from convincing though, pleasingly, their two internationals, Greedy and Ratcliffe, are getting into top shape.

APIA were a motley crew: drab, colorless, without class. I cannot remember, since 1956, a worse APIA team than this one.

Clearly the club's ambitions and plans don't include a successful soccer side, otherwise it wouldn't let the team run down to such a level.

Young McCulloch will need more time, after his injury, to return to form but I doubt whether in his present shape, he can seriously challenge for a spot in the Soccerro midfield.



Clark Anderson and Steve Maxwell wait for the ball to drop, watched by John Stewart (left) and Aurelio Vidmar (right) in the Brisbane Lions — Adelaide City match. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

BAN LIFTED SO EVERTON TOURS

Everton is to tour Canada later this month following the International Football Federation's (FIFA) decision to lift the worldwide ban imposed on English clubs.

The English league champion and European Cup Winners' Cup holder plays the Canadian national team on July 31 followed by at least one further game against Toronto Blizzard.

FIFA lifted its global ban but English clubs remain barred from Europe by a separate, indefinite ban imposed by the European Football Union (UEFA).

The bans followed rioting at the European Cup final in Brussels on May 29 which left 38 people dead.

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● Bill Murray is in his first year as an NSL coach but he's well credentialled for the task, having served his "apprenticeship" with distinction in the Victorian First Division and State League. Murray also is one of the most respected coaches in Victorian soccer circles. His first coaching job was as assistant to John Gardiner at Melbourne Croatia in 1978. In 1979 Murray assisted Fred Bunce at Frankston then in 1980 he was appointed coach of Box Hill, the club he took from First Division to State League, cementing its State League status in the process.



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remely well. Ian's brilliant in the air and has outstanding
positional sense. He's a complete player. The only lapse
he had was against Heidelberg when I wasn't happy with
his picking up, but what an asset he is."

ROBBIE DUNN (Defender): "Strong in the air and on
the ground, fast, and great going forward. He started
slowly but is getting stronger as the season progresses. I
think that Robbie could be Australia's stopper for years
to come. He's only 24 and I'm already tipping that he'll be
the defensive mainstay for Australia's 1990 World Cup
bid. He's got to be. He's got too many skills that stoppers
usually don't have."

BILLY PICULOVSKI (Defender): "Young Billy's done
everything asked of him. He's done very well when he's
had the right sort of cover and he's certainly one for the
future. He's a great marker and a good passer, rarely
giving the ball away. He needs to improve in the air,
though. Billy's played seven or eight games this season if
you include the games where he's come on as a sub. He's
only 18."

CON OPASINIS (Midfielder): "Con's had a mixed sea-
son. He struggled for consistency early on at fullback. A
lot of that was due to how we changed our organisation at
the back. But he stuck to his task and since I've moved
him to midfield he's been a different player. He can de-
velop into a top class midfielder if he works at it, in fact,
that's the position I see him in years to come. He works

very hard, he's good defensively and he's learning a lot
about going forward."

GEORGE PETROV (Midfielder): "He's had to wait a
long time for his chance but he's certainly grabbed it with
both hands. He was a sub in about seven games but since
his introduction to the team, he's had a terrific influence.
His work rate, his tackling, his ability to do things with
the ball under pressure, all have enhanced the team. He
can go on to become a very fine NSL player. He's very
good for the club, on the field and off."

GORDON FLAVELL (Midfielder): "Some of the fans
have given him a hard time but his effort has been great.
I certainly can't complain about what Gordon's given me
this year but he's that sort of player anyway — he always
gives his best. I've always admired strong, wholehearted
players like Gordon. As things stand now, he has to fight
his way back into the team and who knows, we may even
see him playing fullback. I've been toying with that
idea recently."

ZORAN ILIOSKI (Midfielder): "I've long been a fan of
Zoran's midfield skills on the ball. In fact, on the ball,
he's the most complete midfielder we've got. He
struggled a bit early on to do his defensive work but he's
certainly improved in that area. He sees a passing option
so quickly and can send the ball early. I like that. And
he'll find a team mate's feet nine times out of 10. Think
about that a bit. It's a hell of a high success rate. And
Zoran also can score goals."

SEAN LANE (Midfielder): "What a wholehearted com-
petitor he is. He hasn't played in his preferred role and
started slowly in midfield but he's shown tremendous
character in adjusting from playing up front. I think that
Sean's playing at his best right now since the Buffalo
Gold Cup. He's got a cracking left foot and crosses a
great ball. His skills are back again and he's beating men
and going forward with the sort of confidence which sug-
gests that he's going to play a big, big part in the run-in to
the finals."

GEORGE GAGIC (Midfielder): "A bit unlucky not
having managed to play a full league game yet. But he's
given me 100 percent and I can't ask for more. George
has to keep working hard and must be patient. He could
be a bit of a surprise when he bursts onto the scene as a
wide player going forward. And the lads all have taken to
him, which is great."

WARREN SPINK (Forward): "He's had a terrific
year. His best game of the season probably was against
Heidelberg the other week. For an 18 year old to come
into the National League for the first time and score half
a dozen goals in the league and four in the National Cup is
an outstanding feat. No doubt, he'll be Australia's centre
forward in the 1990 World Cup campaign. No doubt at all.
His ball control going forward is phenomenal and he's
deadly in one-on-ones against goalkeepers."

GARY COLE (Forward): "From all reports he had a
shocking season last year but he's the cleverest player
we've got. His ability to see things out on the park and
make runs so that we can attack well are tremendous.
He's a really, really fine positional player. Organ-
isationally, he's a dream to work with, he picks up things
so quickly. I've got the utmost respect for Gary's know-
ledge of the game and his ability to play it."

STEVE SMITH (Forward): "Well, I knew all about
Steve last year having coached him at Box Hill. He's the
most complete target man I've seen in Australian soccer.
In the air or on the deck, he's deadly. I hope he can force
his way into the Australian team because he's got a tre-
mendous amount to offer."

Murray's positive attitude bubbles over when he talks
about coming weeks.

"I think we'll forget about our assignment on August 16
(the National Cup final) for now and make the top five
our immediate goal. We're reaching a high. I can feel it. I
think we'll come steaming home and surprise other
clubs."

"Hellas is the most complete team in the league but we
can beat them. I'm sure of it. If we can be at the top of
our form and sky-high in confidence, we'll beat Hellas."

There's a long way to go yet before Makedonia can
think of facing up to Hellas in a finals game but if that day
comes and Murray's men are as positive as he is, we're in
for one of the classic confrontations of the 1985 season.

● Robbie Dunn during Socceroo training — he could
develop into one of the mainstays of the Socceroo side
over the next few years.



● Sean Lane — starting to shine in mid-
field and his ability to go forward is bound
to play a vital part in Makedonia's progress
towards the final five series.



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Croatia
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WALTER PLESS

Caledonians just held off a determined challenge from Rapid to run out a 3-2 winner in the Tasmanian Cadbury State League match-of-the-day last Wednesday.

Fullback Steve Brown headed the opening goal in the 63rd minute. Michael Goldsmith clipped the second a couple of minutes later, while Goddard turned Schwaiger's right-wing cross into his own net in the 72nd minute.

Rapid hit back through Fletcher following a free kick in the 78th minute and Greenwood volleyed a second with nine minutes remaining.

In Wednesday's early game, Metro-Claremont upset the form guides by downing Olympia-WPL 2-1.

League leader Croatia-Glenorchy slipped up badly on Sunday when it could only draw 1-1 with bottom side University.

Mallick gave the students an 8th-minute lead and it wasn't until the 65th minute that Baric struck home the equaliser.

Neil Thomas will have nightmares about the chances he missed towards the end which should have given Croatia both points.

In Sunday's remaining match, Metro-Claremont survived repeated onslaughts by Caledonians to snatch a surprise lead from the penalty spot in the 68th minute.

Calles grabbed a point, however, when fullback Steve Brown notched his second goal in a successive games in the 77th minute.

Details: Metro-Claremont 2 Olympia-WPL 1, Caledonians 3, Rapid 2, University 1, Croatia-Glenorchy 1, Metro-Claremont 1, Caledonians 1.

State League Table
 Croatia-Glenorchy 8 3 2 23 15 19
 Juventus-Pines 7 3 3 35 18 17
 White Eagles 7 2 4 22 26 18
 Caledonians 5 6 3 31 26 18
 Olympia-WPL 4 3 2 24 25 11
 Metro-Claremont 4 3 2 24 25 11
 Rapid 3 4 6 19 23 10
 University 1 2 10 9 37 4

Michael The Tailor Goalscorer Award: 13 A. Laszczynski (White Eagles), 12 I. Parker (Calles), J. Broadhouse (Juventus), 9 M. Goldsmith (Calles), J. McIntyre, M. Laszczynski (White Eagles), 8 R. Fabrizio (Juventus), D. Stoddart (White Eagles).

The great revival continues

Box Hill 0
Springvale 2

Scorers: Garvey 70th, Nelson 71st.
 Venue: Wembley Park.

Springvale's revival started three weeks ago when it won its first home game of the season, continued the following week when it drew with Morwell Falcons and really blossomed last Sunday when it sent Box Hill sinking to its first home loss of the season.

Two goals, within a minute in the second half, took the stuffing out of the Hillmen as Springvale continued its brave fight against relegation, a fight in which it is starting to go on top, even though coach Bobby McLachlan, isn't getting carried away. Not yet, at least.

"How can you talk about

being safe when three points separate the last six sides? There's a hell of a long way to go yet," said McLachlan after the match.

"But I wasn't in the least bit surprised with today's result. I've got a bunch of guys who believe in themselves and go out onto the park feeling confident. The commitment they've shown in the last few weeks has been absolutely tremendous and the players deserve everything they've got so far."

"It's still a real dog-fight though, but we must be doing something right when I can have Ged Bannan on the bench. Ged's one of the best competitors I've ever seen," McLachlan added.

Springvale started well and looked sharp in the first 15 minutes. Jim Nelson had a couple of chances in this period but sent his header wide then was foiled by Box Hill goalie Robert Harrison,

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who made a brave save at Nelson's feet. The Vales also had appeals for a penalty turned down, the ref ruling that Box Hill left back Alan Roodhouse had handled Joe D'Amico's cross just outside the area. Then the Hillmen took over and dominated the match for the remainder of the half. John Luyten was marking Peter Verechia and Martin Vogel was tagging Andy Humble but Verechia and Humble were proving too mobile. Humble in particular, who was getting a lot of turns in against Vogel.

And had Verechia got a touch to a free kick driven in from the right, the home side certainly would have scored. Verechia had shaken off Luyten and charged toward the ball as it flashed across the Springvale goalmouth, failing by the narrowest of margins to get that vital touch.

Springvale was defending desperately, well mar-

shalled by sweeper Keith Adams, who gave a commanding display.

The Vales tightened up after the break and as the game progressed Box Hill became more frustrated, giving the ball away far too often.

Box Hill import Chris Taylor will want to quickly forget his part in Springvale's goal in the 70th minute. Taylor played a poor pass, giving Springvale striker Neil Garvey the ball, then watched in dismay as Garvey unleashed a 20-metre left foot, plectrifier which sent the ball flashing into the roof of the net.

A minute later, the contest was over. Box Hill was caught square at the back, although coach Webster cast doubts on Garvey's positioning, claiming that the striker looked suspiciously offside. Play was waved on and Garvey hammered the ball in from the right. Nelson controlled well then thumped it in from 10 metres, exposing Box Hill's poor marking.

Forsyth nabs hat-trick

DONCASTER ROVERS
 5 (Forsyth 26th, 54th, 89th, Brimmer 59th, K. Valentino 76th) **NUNAWADING CITY** 1 (Greenwald 65th). **Victorian First Division match at Donvale Reserve, Saturday.**

DONCASTER ROVERS: Hearn, McKinlay, Sowards, Maitland, Humble, Tolmie, Spicer, Brimmer, Forsyth, Casson, Pucovski (Valentino 46th).

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjar, Brown, Chiravalle, Servinis, Remmers (Pote 63rd), Mullert, Greenwald, Nellies, Roggero, Middlemast, Deane.

Division One's leading goalscorer, Rob Forsyth, helped himself to a hat-trick to take his tally to 16, as Doncaster took the chances that came its way and registered a convincing victory.

In the first half, Nunawading clearly was the better side with Chris Middlemast in fine form up front but Nunawading failed to convert its chances and for all its territorial superiority, fell behind to a scrambled goal from Forsyth in the 26th minute.

The second half started in the same fashion, but with Nunawading committed to attack, Forsyth increased the lead in the 54th minute after a pinpoint cross from substitute Keith Valentino. Five minutes later, Brimmer latched on to a poor clearance to add the third.

Nunawading gave itself a

glimmer of hope when Greenwald scored from close range after Hearn had fumbled a deep cross from Pote. That hope was shortlived as Valentino volleyed home another poor clearance and just before the final whistle Forsyth grabbed his hat-trick with a close range header from a right wing corner.

MELBOURNE 1 (Theodos 22nd) **CALFIELD CITY** 1 (Tsitsiridis 21st). **Victorian First Division match at Williamstown, Saturday.**

MELBOURNE: Bacas 7, V. Bannan 7, Edmondson 8, P. Bannan 8, T. Drincovsky 8, Wallace 8, Bird 7, Theodosopoulos 7, Theodos 7, Ward 7, Huey 7.

SUBURBS: Hawke 7, Bitsonis 6, Tsitsiridis 7, Hatakionis 7 (Koullakas 64th), Koutos 8, Trofar 7, Abram 8, Amanatidis (Dionisopoulos), Zemanik 7, Topalidis 8, Sahamida 7.

In the 21st minute, Caulfield was awarded a free kick 22 yards out after Edmondson had brought down Amanatidis. Tsitsiridis took the free and hammered it goalward.

Barbas moved slowly and the ball slipped at the far post. But Caulfield's joy was short-lived as a minute later Theodosopoulos played a one-two with Ward, then pushed the ball to Lou Theodos. He dribbled his way into the area and unleashed a shot that beat Hawke to make it 1-1.

The closest Caulfield came

in the second half was from a Zemanik header in the 68th minute which skimmed past the upright.

Melbourne did most of the pressing in this half but twice the woodwork denied Ward from scoring while Caulfield would have been the winner.

PORT MELBOURNE 1 (Diamataris 60th) **HEIDELBERG-BUNDOORA 0**. **Victorian Third Division match at Anderson Oval, Saturday.**

PORT MELBOURNE: Passalos 8, Tsantoglouanis 6, Takianios 8, Sakalarios 7, Zagedinos 8, Fomias 8, Lui 7, Bozinoski 7, Namas 7, Kostopoulos 7, Diamataris 7.

HEIDELBERG-BUNDOORA: Ralph 7, Willmott 6 (70th Smith), Love 7, Diakmanos 7, Hatzimachou 7, Tucker 6, McQuellin 6, Kelly 6, Tangelos 7, Rigby 6, Clair 6 (70th Simpson).

Port Melbourne's improvement (2) continues and this win has taken it a little clearer of that dreaded relegation zone.

Port Melbourne's desperation and persistence trouble Heidelberg-Bundoora all day. Fomias was blanketing experienced Dave Rigby and new signing Bozinoski dominated the midfield.

Even though Port was creating most chances and was un-

lucky on two occasions when Diamataris missed with only the keeper to beat, Bundoora got forward a couple of times and created problems. It would have scored from the penalty spot but Diamataris took the kick and Passalos saved well.

Luck certainly was on Port's side and in the second half a loose ball fell to Diamataris who blasted the ball first time past keeper Ralph for the winner.

DOXA UNITED 3 (Wheatley 2, Calleja) **ALTONA ROVERS 0**. **Industrial League First Division match.**

This was a crucial game for Doxa Utd in its quest to win its first ever First Division championship.

Doxa had a great chance to take the lead after 20 minutes when O'Neill rounded the keeper only to have his shot cleared off the line.

Doxa finally took the lead in the 30th minute when Wheatley headed a good ball to Mario Calleja to score against his former club.

Doxa completely outtraced its opponents in the second half and went 2-0 up when Trevor Wheatley cracked a great drive into the corner of the net. Wheatley scored his second goal a few minutes later in exactly the same fashion.

Buffalo State League standings									
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
CROYDON CITY	11	5	1	35	9	27			
MORWELL FALC.	10	4	3	33	15	24			
POLONIA	8	5	4	31	19	21			
BOX HILL	8	5	4	29	22	21			
F'ston Pines	7	6	4	33	24	20			
West Suburbs	7	5	5	24	21	19			
Fawkner	6	5	6	31	24	17			
Thomastown	6	5	6	21	24	17			
Northcote	4	6	7	25	31	14			
St Albans Dinamo	5	3	9	24	37	13			
Springvale City	4	4	9	15	21	12			
Wilhelmina	3	5	9	13	28	11			
Albion Turk Gucu	4	3	10	13	29	11			
Knox City	4	3	10	11	34	11			

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Athersych 18th, 68th, Cassar 48th) **THOMASTOWN 0** at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.
 MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 8 - Bingham 8, Bruns 8, Tutill 9, Train 8 - O'Callaghan 8, MacLean 7 (in) J. Van Baar 38th, 7, Little 8, Van Baar 73rd, Moore 8, Cassar 8 - Sturtin 8 Athersych 9, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.
 THOMASTOWN: Raponi 8 - Di. Berardino 6, Cosentino 7 (in) N. Constantinou 70th, Smale 8, Arcoraci 9 - Comar 6, Di Martino 6, B. Coyle 5 (Carfora 60th) - Lakic 7, Beller 6, Flaherty 8, Coach: Joe Wilson.
 Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Arcoraci (T), 2 Athersych (MF), 1 Tutill (MF).

ALBION TURK GUCU 0 KNOX CITY 1 (Lucio Saisi 86th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.
 ALBION TURK GUCU: W. Bryden 8 - Reilly 6, D. Sylva 6, Gilmour 6, Douglas 6 - Picoane 6, Jovicic 6, A. Bennett (Robertson 20th, 51) - T. Latif 5, Price 5, Patsman 5, Coach: Tommy Traynor.
 KNOX CITY: McKurk 8 - Loy Saisi 7, Biesinger 7, Tunstall 7, Roodie 7 - Pat 8, Smith 8, Underwood 7 - G. Bakker 7, Wild 7, Turner 8 (Lucio Saisi 78th), Coach: Duncan Smith.
 Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 W. Bryden (Albion), 2 Turner (Knox), 1 Pate (Knox).

POLONIA 0 ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Batinovic 70th, 84th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.
 POLONIA: Dzelakowski 5 - Ljapac 9, Smolarek 7, Little 8 - Auld 8, Gibson 8, Gregorczuk 5 (Kojacic 56th), Awan 6 - Wazowski 5 (sent off 50th), Przybyla 6, Coach: Eddie Reid.
 ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grbic 7 - Kustura 7, Ramiak 8, Brkljacic 8, S. Grbic 7 - Dezie 8, Culina 9, Pozar 7, Rastocic 7 - Kuna 8, Batinovic 8, Coach: Tony Vrzina.
 Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Culina (St Al), 2 Innes (Pol), 1 Dezie (St Al).

BOX HILL 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 2 (Garvey 70th, Nelson 71st) at Wembley Park, Sunday.
 BOX HILL: Harrison 6 - McPhee 5, Roodhouse 6, McMillan 6, A. Roodhouse 6 - Taylor 5 (Azzopardi 77th), Hughes 6, D. Hennessy 6, White 5, Verechia 5, A. Humble 6, Coach: Keith Webster.
 SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry 8 - Matthews 7, Adams 8, Luyten 7, Fitzpatrick 6 (Bannon 80th) - Vogel 6, Bentley 6, Luca 6 - A. D'Amico 6, J. Nelson 7, Garvey 7, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.
 Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Adams (Spring), 2 Garvey (Spring), 1 A. Humble (BH).

NORTHCOTE 2 (Toru penalty 39th, 60th) **FRANKSTON PINES 2** (Thomas 30th, Webster 48th) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.
 NORTHCOTE: Gianoopoulos 6 - Stiliadis 6, Kouremenos 7, Cutler 7, J. Constantinou 6 - Filippis 5, Wilson 8, Toro 8 - Patinotis 6, Patsalos 6, P. Constantinou 6, Coach: Jimmy Pyrgiolis.
 FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 3 - Cumming 4, Thurlow 5, Ross 4 (Cullen 80th), Watson 5 - Cooke 6, R. Nelson 6, Miller 7, P. Hennessy 7, Uerts 60th, Webster 8, Thomas 7, Coach: Danny McMinimee.
 Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Wilson (North), 2 Webster (Pines), 1 Toro (North).

CROYDON 1 (Brogan 7th) **RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0** at Croydon Park, Sunday.
 CROYDON: Whitehead 7 - Brown 7, Bates 7 (in) Brewerton 55th, 61, Singleton 7, Tansey 7 - Kerr 8, Taylor 7, Beach 7, Livingstone 8 - Ollerton 7 (McDonald 75th), Brogan 8, Coach: Peter Ollerton.
 RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasimias 7 - Haupt 7, Corke 6, Murray 7, Wemyss 8 - M. Baker 7, Shannon 7, Burton 9 - Kabede 6, Nyholt 6 (Thompson 70th), Stewart 6, Coach: Cor Tewau.
 Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Burton (RW), 2 Kerr (Croy), 1 Wemyss (RW).

FAWKNER 1 (Boyle 80th) **WESTERN SUBURBS 1** (Tuck 56th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.
 FAWKNER: Terzini 5 - Schipano 7, Macleod 7, Fattore 6, Hobson 8 - Cavallari 4 (Angele H.T. 7, Quigley 7, Lia 7 - Palinkas 6, Cozzella 7, Boyle 8, Coach: Peter Garraus).
 WESTERN SUBURBS: Apostolidis 6 - Beattie 7, Howe 7, Esposito 8, Hamill 7 - K. Coyle 6, Kakanontis 5, Palmariacioti 5 - Tuck 7, Stenson 7, McGuinness 7, Coach: Jimmy Condilis.
 Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Boyle (Fawk), 2 Esposito (WS), 1 Hobson (Fawk).

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 11 - Boyle (Fawkner), Esposito (Suburbs)
 10 - Harrison (Box Hill), Beech (Croydon), Quigley (Fawkner), Cooke (Pines), Athersych (Morwell), Stenson (Suburbs)
 10 - MacLean (Morwell), Haupt (Wilhelmina)
 14 - Biesinger (Knox), Gibson (Polonia)

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 13 - French (Croydon), A. Humble (Box Hill)
 11 - Warszawski (Polonia)
 10 - McGuinness (Suburbs)
 9 - P. Constantinou (Northcote)
 8 - Cozzella (Fawkner), Webster (Pines)
 7 - Morovic (Dinamo), Flaherty, Labic (Thomastown)
 6 - Stirta (Morwell), Culina (Dinamo)

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VICTORIAN DIVISION ONE
 Saturday: New Brunswick v MELBOURNE, CAULFIELD CITY v Broadmeadows, Albion City v DOVETON, Nunawading City v WERRIBEE.
 Sunday: Richmond v DONCASTER, Marand v SUNBURY, MORNINGTON v Kew Park Rangers.
DIVISION TWO
 Saturday: Hill Grange v Hawthorn Rangers (draw), BELL PARK v Royal Richmond, Albion City v ELYHAM, Ringwood Utd v ELYHAM, Ringwood Utd v Sandringham (draw), Kallur v M. MORDELLAIC, Waverley City v ST. BAK-LEIGH, COBURG v Dandenong City.
 Sunday: SPRINGVALE Utd v Essendon City, YARAVILLE v Suburbs PRASHAN City, Port Melbourne, Heidelberg Dandenong v Kangar (draw), Moorabbin City v Gwilling (draw), MORDELLAIC v Coor. Prashan v TAL-LORIAN.
DIVISION FOUR
 Saturday: HOLLAND PARK v Ballarat, Go-rada v CLIFTON HALL, EAST BUNSWICK v Rusewa, Ardler v Beller (draw), Langmead v FERRIS GULLY, Greenborough v LAIRD UTD, BRIGHTON v Kaysborough.
PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
 Saturday: ASBURY v Warringa (at H.T.), Gullon Res. Power Street, Praeger, CLARHIA v Chelms, PASCOE VALE v East Gwilling, HAWTHORN v Central City, WIL-LINGSTOWN v Clayton, RGENT v West Bruns-wick.
DIVISION TWO
 Saturday: RAILL v Colongwood, YARRA UTD v Brimstone, RINGWOOD RIVERS v Diamond Valley, GIDDERS REST v Phillip Institute, COLLINGWOOD City v Kib Melbourne.
DIVISION THREE
 Saturday: BARMON Utd v ST KILDA, Laker v PORT UTD, CLARINDA, NOOTING v Mulgrew, Richmond Utd v BALACALVA, MELBOURNE Utd v Meadow Park, WEST UTD v Carran Utd, ST. SPRINGVALE v West Meadows.
MATHEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
 Sunday: LORRIDA Utd v MELBOURNE Utd, SALES UTD v Essendon, MIN. MACCARI v Vermont, Old Scotch v NORTHERN SUBURBS, EPPING THISTLE v Waverley Utd, Acoet St Marks v BARKWYN CITY.
DIVISION TWO
 Sunday: RAILL v Colongwood, YARRA UTD v Brimstone, RINGWOOD RIVERS v Diamond Valley, GIDDERS REST v Phillip Institute, COLLINGWOOD City v Kib Melbourne.
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Falcons are back, the end for Mila?

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

Frankston Pines to displace Box Hill from the top four — that's the likely outcome of this weekend's round of matches as the Hillmen look doomed against Morwell Falcons at North Crinigan Reserve on Saturday while Pines can take the points against Thomastown at Partridge Reserve on Sunday.

"That's the best we've played since the Buffalo Gold Cup. We might have turned the corner at last," said Falcons coach Jimmy Dunne after his team's 3-0 win over Thomastown last weekend.

If Dunne's right, then the Hillmen certainly are up against it.

The one injury doubt in the Falcons camp surrounds star midfielder Jimmy MacLean who suffered a badly gashed shin in the Thomastown match. No doubt MacLean will want to line-up against Box Hill but Dunne doesn't want MacLean to risk further injury.

Pines should be too strong for Thomastown which has disappointed in recent weeks. Thomastown stopper Andy Smale, an honest competitor, will find Pines livewire striker Stan Webster a real handful and if Thomastown continues to struggle in mid-field, Webster and fellow strikers Ray Thomas and Paul Hennessy will worry the life out of the Thomastown defence. Rob Nelson, the ex-Sunshine star, is running into form after a long injury lay-off, which will be a big boost to Pines top four hopes.

The relegation battle really is hotting up. Springvale takes on Albion Turk Gucu at Ross Reserve on Saturday while Ringwood Wilhelmina meets Northcote on Sunday at Jubilee Park.

Springvale now has turned in three spirited efforts in as many games and should beat Albion Turk Gucu.

Springvale strikers Neil Garvey and Jim Nelson square up to Albion's Stuart Gilmour and Mick D'Silva, the latter making only his second league appearance of the season after cartilage and ankle ligament problems. Ringwood Wilhelmina hopes to have Kees Storm back for the Northcote clash. Storm was sidelined last weekend due to injury.

For the umpteenth time this year, Northcote ex-

pects defender John Creany to arrive from Scotland. Creany was due to arrive yesterday (Tuesday) but don't hold your breath.

Northcote will find itself firmly embroiled in the relegation battle if it loses to Wilhelmina on Sunday. That's on the cards, if Wilhelmina plays as well as it did in the second half of last weekend's 0-1 loss to league leader Croydon, but I'm going for a draw.

Croydon should defeat St Albans Dinamo at Churchill Reserve on Saturday despite Dinamo's fine 2-0 win over Polonia last weekend, a result that's bound to instill a lot of confidence in the Dinamo players.

Croydon's leading scorer, Graham French, is overseas on a business trip. French missed last weekend's game against Wilhelmina and also will miss the Dinamo clash. But Croydon has the depth to cover his loss. Jim O'Reilly was out suspended last weekend but returns for this game.

Fabio Angele seems certain to return to Fawkner's starting line-up for Saturday's battle with Knox City at Egan Lee Reserve. Knox did itself a big favor by downing Albion Turk Gucu last weekend but provided that Fawkner striker Bruno Cozzella recovers from an injury sustained in the second half of last Sunday's clash with Western Suburbs, the visitors should grab the points. Ian Loughnane scored four goals in Fawkner's reserves last weekend and is staking a strong claim for a first team berth.

The sad news from Polonia is that star sweeper Stefan Mila, winner of the 1983 Rothmans Medal, may need an operation on damaged knee ligaments and there's now talk that Mila could return to Poland. If so, State League soccer and Polonia are big losers.

Western Suburbs can beat Polonia at Ralph Reserve on Sunday. Polonia striker Greg Warszawski was sent off against Dinamo and will miss this clash, so Billy Auld is likely to partner Janusz Przybyla up front.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
MORWELL FALCONS v Box Hill at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.
SPRINGVALE CITY v Albion Turk Gucu at Ross Reserve, 3pm.
Knox City v FAWKNER at Egan Lee Reserve, 3pm.
St Albans Dinamo v CROYDON at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY
WESTERN SUBURBS v Polonia at Ralph Reserve, 3pm.
Ringwood Wilhelmina v Northcote (draw) at Jubilee Park, 3pm.
Thomastown v FRANKSTON PINES at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.

Fairy Meadow was held by Canterbury at Corrimal; Bankstown upset Kuringai; Narrabeen hammered Polonia and Manly surprised Rockdale Ilinden in a round of shock results which point to the most uncertain finish in many a year with neither Fairy Meadow nor Bankstown certain of retaining their respective places.

The "wonder" team from Fairy Meadow was tipped to assert its league leadership by taking both points from Canterbury, but despite its dominance the home side let this one slip.

Sutherland, three goal winner over Uruguayan, will entertain Meadow this week with one thing in mind — a comfortable victory. "That would put us four points behind them, with six rounds to go," said John Lavin, the coach of Sutherland. More to the point, that will allow Melita, should it overcome Uruguay, to sneak within two points of the leader.

Fairy Meadow and Melita are yet to play on the South Coast so the championship race is far from over.

Avala, Rockdale and Manly safely can start planning for 1986 as 1985 is well and truly over with no trophies in sight and no threat of relegation.

Polonia 1 Narrabeen 7

At Chapin Park.
Scorers: A. Dean 8th, 12th, 50th, Collings 40th, Nacinovic 44th, Friend 87th, Watt 88th (N); Sobczyk 70th (P).

From the moment Allan Dean ran some 40 metres to score with a powerful drive, Narrabeen was in command. Dean was the inspiration for the visitors and his second goal four minutes later, following a corner, destroyed what little spirit was left in the home side.

Dean was again on the spot in the 40th minute to head down for Paul Collings to score, then with one minute left in this half, Joe Nacinovic ended all speculation about the outcome with the fourth goal.

Kodor brought down Sandner in the 50th which gave Dean the chance to complete his hat-trick from the ensuing penalty, then came a brief consolation for the home team with Henjek Sobczyk getting their only goal with 20 minutes remaining.

The visitors stormed home in the last few minutes to score through Greg Friend and David Watt and the feature of the goals was the way they were scored. The whole team was involved in the sixth goal.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

with the ball travelling the length of the park before finding Friend close to goal.

Manly 1 Rockdale 0

At Cromer Park.
Scorer: John Dick 20th.

A tough and bruising encounter at Cromer Park provided very few thrills and spills but for Manly Warringah at least it provided some satisfaction following a chester goal by John Dick after 20 minutes.

It was a just reward for this hard tackling Manly defender. He was given the job of putting Ross Brown out of this match. Brown, the league's leading scorer, was the man Manly feared but the uncompromising Dick did his duty to perfection with Brown rarely seen.

Sutherland 3 Uruguayan 0

At Seymour Shaw.
Scorers: Meades 7th, Gray 35th, DalForno 65th.

Sutherland Sharks have all but lost their title chances but their fire power still could take them close. The winning margin against Uruguay could have been far greater had Sutherland players taken all their chances.

Steve Meades scored the first since his return from an NSL stint with Croatia, then Brian Gray made it 2-0 10 minutes before half time. With Sutherland travelling at full speed it was expected that Uruguay would be over-run but only a Vic DalForno goal was added before the end of the match.

Fairy Meadow 0 Canterbury 0

At Corrimal Park.

Fairy Meadow has lost its first point at Memorial Park but its coach, John Fleming, was not worried about his team's title chances being dented.

"We need two points from the next two games and that will give us enough space to take the title," said Fleming, following this draw at Corrimal.

"We could have beaten Canterbury by 10, had we scored from the sitters provided for our forwards. We were in so many one-on-one situations against Chris Hummell that we should have won this one with ease."

The game ended in controversy after a shot by Gerald looked to have gone over

the line but was pulled back by Hummell. The referee and the linesman signalled play on but there were no complaints from Fairy Meadow after the game.

Canterbury had a couple of late chances which could have given it the points but Marcos Silva hesitated in the 85th then Kirwan hit one over the bar close to the end of the match.

Avala 0 Melita 1

At Knights Park.
Scorer: Lenny Vial 42nd.

Avala continued its horror stretch losing yet another match, this time against Melita at Knights Park. Lenny Vial made a fine break in the 42nd before beating Dane Vukas with a well measured shot.

This was Avala's fourth defeat in seven games! On the other hand, Melita looked better than in previous weeks with its defence particularly strong. Led by Wilson and McCoy, Melita rarely allowed Avala to produce a goal-worthy move.

When Avala managed to break through and earn a penalty, three of its players argued over which one should take it. Captain John Lembrak settled the issue by taking it himself only to put in a weak attempt which allowed Melita goalie Mullen to save.

Bankstown 4 Ku-Ring-Gai 3

At Jensen Park.
Scorers: Bass 6th, Hunter 41st, Goldsworthy 90th (K), Hassan 27th, Antonopoulos 37th, 47th, Hosseini 87th.

Craig Bass was on the mark after Quigley crossed to have Kuringai take an early lead but unfortunately for Kuringai the horse of side was not going to lie down and take in on the chin.

It came back in the 27th minute through Peter Hassan's free kick from the edge of the area. Tony Antonopoulos won the ball then scored in the 37th, but Kuringai came back through Neal Hunter to make it 2-2.

Antonopoulos made it 3-2 in the 47th after winning the ball well again then Hosseini settled the issue with a fine goal in the 87th. Despite Goldsworthy's goal from the penalty spot in the 90th minute, Kuringai could do no better. Bankstown took its first point of the season earlier on at Parklands when it drew with Kuringai, but this time it went one better by taking its first two points of the season, again against Kuringai.

Skypack State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAIRY MEADOW	11	3	1	21	7	25
MELITA EAGLES	9	3	3	30	13	21
CANTERBURY	8	4	3	32	16	20
SUTHERLAND	7	5	3	27	13	19
Ku-Ring-Gai	7	5	3	21	14	19
Avala	5	6	4	17	12	16
Rockdale Ilinden	5	5	5	21	15	15
Manly Warringah	4	6	4	15	14	14
Narrabeen	2	4	8	11	30	8
Uruguayan	1	4	9	6	20	6
Polonia	2	2	10	13	40	6
Bankstown	1	3	9	8	28	5

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday: at Arlington Oval: Canterbury v Manly.
Sunday: at Seymour Shaw: Sutherland v Fairy Meadow, at Hurstville: Rockdale v Kuringai, at Melita Stadium: Melita v Uruguay, at Narrabeen Sports Centre: Narrabeen v Avala, at Chopin Park: Polonia v Bankstown.

TOP SCORERS

10 — Ross Brown (RI)
9 — Don Allan (ME)
7 — Douinis (C)
6 — Borges, Kirwan (C), Gray (S), Walker (ME)
5 — Agnostopoulos (C), Sutherland (K), DalForno (S)
4 — Silva (C), Mowbray, Fontana (FM), Campbell (MW), Vial (ME), Janic (P), Beggs (S), O'Shana (U).

FAIRY MEADOW 0 CANTERBURY 0 at Corrimal.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 8 — Chilly 8, Richardson 8, Berringer 7 — Mowbray 7, Morlando 7, Piel, Gerald 7 — Baker 6, Fontana 5.
CANTERBURY: Hummell 8 — Karaspiros 6, Pena 6, Radman 6, Hantzis 7 (Mikovic) — Ortega 6, Agnostopoulos 7, Hormazabal 6 — Silva 5, Borges 5, Kirwan 7.

BANKSTOWN 4 (Hassan 27th, Antonopoulos 37th, 47th, Hosseini 87th) KURINGAI 3 (Bass 6th, Hunter 41st, Goldsworthy 90th) at Jensen Park.

BANKSTOWN: Smith 7 — Hatton 7, Lamond 7, Popovic 7, Rajab 6 (43rd Hosseini) — Antonopoulos 8, Meerbani 8, Apelan 7 — Nocera 6, Green 6, Hassan 7.
KURINGAI: Lacey 6 — Kevem 6, Jesse 6 (64th Ellam) Watson 6, Goldsworthy 7 — Quigley 6, Brockbank 6, Sutherland 5 — Williamson 6, Bass 6, Hunter 5 (Nile 73rd).

AVALA 0 MELITA EAGLES 1 (Vial 42nd) at Knights Park.

AVALA: Vukas 7 — Jordan 7, Lembrak 7, Divani 8, Pratt 7 — Anderson 6, Atagic 6, (Barrett 65th), Tracey 5 (Martinez 66th), Carney 5 — Jeffery 5, Murray 5.
MELITA EAGLES: Mullen 8 — Laing 7, Wilson 8, McCoy 8, O'Rourke 7 — McAusland 6, Farrugia 6, Davies 7 — Dolton 6, Vial 8.

SUTHERLAND 3 — (Meades 7th, Gray 35th, DalForno 65th) URUGUAY 0 at Seymour Shaw.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 7 — Schumann 8, Burrows 8, DalForno 9, Terry 7 — Rogers 7, Webber 7, Harrington 8, Johnstone 7 — Gray 7, Meades 7.
URUGUAY: (J. Dick 20th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 at CROMER.

MANLY 1 (J. Dick 20th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 at CROMER.

MANLY: Barker 8, Gogic 7, J. Dick 9, Pearce 8, J. Barker 7, (Dennis 78th) — Pagano 7, Etherington 6, Campbell 7 (Gabriel 50th — 6), G. Williamson 6 — Holloway 5, Stuart 7.
ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kozohambos 7 — Blackburn 6, Pilevski 7, Forester 6, Wilson 7 — Mickovski 7, (Paleganas 6), Nastoski 8, Slavski 8, Papis 6 — Brown 6, Ristovski 5.

POLONIA 1 (Sobczyk 70th) Narrabeen 7 (A Dean 8th, 12th, 50th pen., Collings 40th, Nacinovic 44th, Friend 87th, 72nd, Watt 89th) at Chopin Park.

POLONIA: Andersen 5 — Calderan 6 (Mahamah 46th, 8), Falzon 4, Vujinovic 4, Chou 7 (72nd Lasek) — Greekie 6, Sobczyk 7, Kodor 6 — Pop 5, Janic 5, Bratkovski 6.
NARRABEEN: P. Dean 7 — Hanley 8, Watt 8, Friend 7, Parfitt 7 — A Dean 9, Griffin 7, Collings 7 — Van Helden 7, Sandner 7, Nacinovic 7.

Schoolboys' final at the Park?

As we went to press, organiser Jim Armstrong was trying to schedule the final of the 1985 Victorian Schoolboys' Cup as the curtain raiser to the big international clash between AEK Athens and PSV Eindhoven at Olympic Park No. 1 on Friday August 2.

The Schoolboys' Cup is in its final stages. CRC St Albans and Prahran High clash in their semi-final at Green Gully Reserve today (Wednesday) at 2.15 pm and last week the other semi-final saw Salesian defeat Cheltenham High School 3-2.

Western Suburbs can beat Polonia at Ralph Reserve on Sunday. Polonia striker Greg Warszawski was sent off against Dinamo and will miss this clash, so Billy Auld is likely to partner Janusz Przybyla up front.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
MORWELL FALCONS v Box Hill at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.
SPRINGVALE CITY v Albion Turk Gucu at Ross Reserve, 3pm.
Knox City v FAWKNER at Egan Lee Reserve, 3pm.
St Albans Dinamo v CROYDON at Churchill Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY
WESTERN SUBURBS v Polonia at Ralph Reserve, 3pm.
Ringwood Wilhelmina v Northcote (draw) at Jubilee Park, 3pm.
Thomastown v FRANKSTON PINES at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.



Ku-Ring-Gai, back row: Watson, McKegan, Sutherland, Curtis, Nile, Bertram. Front row: Ellem,

Traikovski: Sunbury's NSL-bound!

Sunbury will be in the National League within four years!

That's the bold prediction of 19 year old Sunbury midfielder George Traikovski. But that's not the only outspoken comment the teenager has to make.

The Victorian Youth League is a shambles; Mike Lynn is on a par with Len McKendry and John Gardiner, if not better; Melbourne striker Danny Ward should be playing in the NSL; Kit Grechan is the best player in the Victorian First Division; and Mornington won't get promoted to State League this year because it's basically a team of second rate Scottish players!

Lynn coaches Traikovski at First Division club Sunbury and had told me that it might take a while before the youngster started to respond freely to my questions. Lynn was wrong. Traikovski was in a very conversant mood when I spoke to him last week even though our conversation made him miss one of his daily chores — watching "Cop Shop."

"I'm on the dole and I train every day, so I guess in a way I'm a full time player," said Traikovski.

Traikovski was born in Australia of Macedonian parents.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

year. Angelo Depreto. Mike taught me about what to do out on the park, about the playing side of things. He still does because I've still got a lot to learn. Angelo taught me about attitude, about conducting myself in a more professional way."

Lynn signed Traikovski for Melbourne after watching him in the 1983 Coppa Italia. But Traikovski's transition into the Melbourne seniors last season wasn't easy.

"I'd had it easy at Preston Makedonia and Fawkner. The attitude at Preston Makedonia was pretty nonchalant. But I had to wait to get into the Melbourne seniors. My first game was against Altona Gate and I didn't play well. Mike (Lynn) took me off at half time and I was pretty pissed off about it, to tell you the truth. I wasn't used to having to fight for my spot. Mike just told me that I'll have to sweat it out in the reserves and prove myself."

And that's exactly what Traikovski did. He finished third in the voting for Melbourne's best and fairest last

year even though he only played half a season in the first team.

But it was a disappointing year for Melbourne, one in which most at the club expected the team to win promotion to State League. Melbourne finished fourth after being a leading promotion contender early in the season.

"I've got no doubts that Melbourne should have gone up last year. Springvale and Thomastown went up and they weren't great sides. We (Melbourne) had six first team players under 21 but that's typical of Mike (Lynn). He should be coaching in the National League but he prefers to join progressive clubs and develop the local product."

"I think Melbourne will get promoted this year but they'll probably finish second, one spot behind us. Melbourne's average age in the seniors last year was about 22. It's more like 32 this year! Let's face it, a few Melbourne players fall into the elderly category and I reckon that the team could struggle in State League."

Danny Ward won't. He should be playing in the National League right now. He's the type of guy that if you give him the right service, he'll score 20 goals a season for you. But good luck to Melbourne. I hope they go up. I've still got a lot of friends there."

Mornington, like Melbourne and Sunbury, is embroiled in the promotion battle in First Division, but, according to Traikovski, hasn't got a hope.

"I don't rate Mornington. They're a typical British team — they give 100 percent but the skill element is missing. They've only got two good players. Rob Stewart's one. I played against him when Mornington beat us up at Sunbury and he impressed me. The other one is that guy Rumble up front. But most of Mornington's players are from the lower leagues in Scotland — they're second raters."

Thank goodness Mornington and Sunbury already have played twice this year. It was contract hassles and disillusionment with Melbourne losing a couple of players this year that prompted Traikovski's move to Sunbury. His respect for Lynn also played its part.

"When people think of Sunbury, they think of some hicksville town with pigs running around the streets but once they come to Sunbury soccer club, they soon change their tune. Sunbury, and I really mean this, is probably the most professional club in Australian soccer. The administration and the facilities are first class. Everything runs like clockwork. There're no money troubles and the club is capable of producing local players, in fact half the first team is made up of players who learned all their soccer in Victoria."

"People talk about John Gardiner and Len McKendry as if they're gods but Mike Lynn is right up there with them, if not better. Mike taught me a lot about the defensive aspects of the game at first, how to get back behind the ball when you're not in possession and things like that."

Let's run the risk of turning this into a mutual admiration society by finding out what Lynn thinks of Traikovski.

"He's the most consistent young player I've coached and I've coached a few over the past few years," said Lynn.



Sunbury midfielder George Traikovski

New indoor centre opens in Preston

With the sport of indoor soccer growing so quickly — the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation continuously is opening new centres. The newest is at Preston in Melbourne.

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Bentleigh); Matthew Sharpe, Mark Woodhead, Nick Cooper (Beaumaris); Richard Bertovich, 10 (Nunawading United); R. Varelo (South Dandenong); Patrick Kuipers, Craig Atlee, Glenn Ashton, Frank Turudic, 13 goals, George Labros, four goals, John Graczel, Gary Hegarty, Paul Crowd (Olympians); Orce Trajevski, 11 (Keilor Austria); Ian Kearton,

David Maidman, five goals (Dapto); Ian Johnston, five goals (Mt Brown); Aristos Patrikis, four goals (Doncaster Rovers); Mauro Sasso, Chris Bell, five goals, Ashley Edgar, Anthony Palmes (Ferntree Gully); John Kargas, 11 (Clarinda); Michael Baker, Ricki Anstiss, seven goals, David Polan, B. Langford, four goals, W. McGauley, four

goals (Frankston Pines); Ioanis Kyrlidis, Sasa Becvinovski, four goals (Footscray J.U.S.T.); Liam Morray, Lachlan Armstrong, Chris Kringoudis, Peter Kyrlis, four goals (South Melbourne Hellas); Arthur Kriaris, 10, four goals (Caulfield City); Nicholas B. Gatzonis, 11, (Clarinda); Domenico Iasenza, Robert Allen, eight goals, Paul Difioro, five goals, Andrew Bua, Stuart Burnham, Pasquale Gralla, David Bickerton, Christopher Maher, George Tzirtis, Adriano Rosa, Stuart Borgonha (Springvale City); Alfredo Di Dio (Karingall United); Mark Benbow, 7, eight goals, Max Malik, 6, Andrew Bozinov, 8, Shane Benbow, 10, four goals, Matthew Bourke (Albion Rovers); Chris Harriman, four goals (Mitcham).

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Juventus e Marconi protagoniste della finali nazionali

La diciannovesima giornata del campionato nazionale di calcio non è stata tanto propizia ai colori italiani poiché non ha prodotto gli sperati miracoli di una vittoria dell'Heidelbergh sul South Melbourne Hellas (che avrebbe ridato il primato alla Juventus) e di una vittoria del Marconi sul Sydney City (che avrebbe mantenuto la squadra di Bossley Park a vertice della classifica assieme al Croatia).

La situazione in testa alla classifica del girone Nord diventerà ancora più problematica per il Marconi (28 punti) dopo il recupero fra il Sydney City (27 punti) e l'APIA, se le cose andranno come è lecito aspettarsi e la squadra ebbera fare i suoi due punti, il Marconi verrà a trovarsi in terza posizione con pochissime possibilità di rimontare lo svantaggio nelle tre rimanenti partite del campionato in cui dovrà affrontare l'Inter Monaro, il Penrith e il Sydney Olympic.

Il Croatia e il Sydney City debbono affrontare, rispettivamente: Blacktown, Sydney Olympic e APIA — Newcastle, St George e Canberra.

Gia' l'incontro della prossima settimana, con l'Inter Monaro, potrebbe causare ulteriori problemi per la squadra di Bossley Park, perché gli uomini di Maccarone stanno attraversando un periodo di grazia e sono ancora protesi verso il non impossibile raggiungimento del quinto posto in classifica.

L'APIA, che ormai può considerarsi fuori pericolo per

quanto riguarda la retrocessione, è stata battuta dal St George ma non in maniera netta come il 2-0 potrebbe far pensare, gli uomini di Botalic hanno dimostrato di essere in leggera ripresa e con un pochetto di fortuna avrebbero anche potuto ambire ad un pareggio.

Nel girone meridionale si attendeva la prova del fuoco della Juventus che, dopo la sconfitta della settimana scorsa per mano della modesta consorella di Adelaide, si trovava di fronte un George Cross molto angolare che nelle ultime settimane aveva dato filo da torcere a tutte le avversarie. Hellas compresa.

La squadra di Margaritis affrontava i maltesi senza Miranda (squalificato) e con alcuni giocatori che cominciavano ad accusare il logorio di un campionato tiratissimo, quindi era lecito aspettarsi un certo nervosismo in casa bianconera.

Invece la partita si è rivelata una vera e propria passeggiata per la Juventus che ha dominato in lungo ed in largo e raramente ha dato al George

Cross la possibilità di rendersi pericoloso.

L'aspetto più positivo della partita è stato il modo come la difesa bianconera ha risolto all'impotenza il trio Latif, Gilder e Mitten, dopo i tentennamenti messi in mostra nelle precedenti settimane.

Dowie ha messo in mostra una tempestività superlativa e Brian Brown è stato sempre sicuro nei suoi interventi, a differenza di quanto aveva fatto ultimamente.

La chiave del successo è stata la rete messa a segno da Zinni dopo solo sette minuti di gioco. La marcatura ha costretto il George Cross a darsi da fare per rimontare lo svantaggio ed una volta che la partita è diventata una sfida a viso aperto la superiorità della Juventus è apparsa nettissima.

«Georgie» infatti, è una formazione capace di imbrigliare qualsiasi avversaria con un gioco guardingo ed addirittura ostruzionistico, ma una volta in svantaggio la musica cambia.

La rete di Zinni ha dimostrato ancora una volta quanto



Andrew Zinni (left) — deserves a better go from Juventus.

egli sia necessario alla prima linea bianconera; il suo spunto veloce e le sue caparbieta ad inseguire tutti i palloni mettono sotto enorme pressione i difensori avversari che faticano a controllarlo e prima o poi commettono l'errore fatale.

Questa volta è stato Bennett, il libero maltese, a non tener conto di questa qualità di Zinni e a calciare all'indietro per il suo portiere un pallone che avrebbe fatto desistere qualsiasi altro attaccante. Zinni invece ha accelerato riuscendo ad arrivare sulla palla assieme a Kastner in uscita ed a toglierla dalla presa dell'estremo difensore che, persa la palla, ha tentato di salvarsi alla men peggio aggrappandolo per una gamba e stendendolo a terra; ma nemmeno questo ha fatto desistere Zinni che invece di attendere il pur sacrosanto fischio del rigore, si è prontamente rialzato ed ha inseguito la palla depositandola in rete.

La partita è la prestazione di Zinni) avrebbe dovuto convincere Margaritis che la posizione di seconda punta in coppia con Sweeney calza molto meglio il ragazzo italiano che Cullen.

Il tecnico ha spesso alternato i due giocatori nella posizione di seconda punta, ma noi crediamo che Zinni sia molto più pericoloso ed imprevedibile del pur bravo collega che, d'altra parte, si trova molto più a suo agio a scorrazzare sulla fascia laterale.

La mobilità, l'irruenza e la prestantia fisica di Zinni causano enormi grattacapi per la difesa avversaria e danno più respiro a Sweeney che altrimenti diventa l'uomo marcato senza possibilità alcuna di movimento.

La differenza che fa l'impiego di Zinni al centro e Cullen all'ala, o viceversa, dovrebbe apparire ovvia se si mettono a confronto la partita di domenica scorsa e quella di alcune settimane fa contro il JUST.

Mentre domenica la Juventus aveva due punte da guardare con la massima cura (Sweeney e Zinni) ed un'ala di raccordo esemplare (Cullen), nella partita contro la squadra jugoslava Sweeney si trovò da solo a fare i conti con la difesa avversaria, Cullen si perse in un ruolo che non è suo e Zinni fu sprecato sulla linea laterale; il risultato fu che Sweeney venne cancellato dalla partita, Cullen non riuscì ad impensierire molto la difesa (anche se spinte in rete il traversone di Wade a porta aperta) e Zinni rese molto poco da essere sostituito.

dosatissimi passaggi laterali che spostavano continuamente le ostilità da un canto all'altro del campo e di smistamenti che mettevano in azione Wade, Petersen e Zinni.

Senza voler fare paragoni impossibili, ed anticipati, la partita di domenica ha dimostrato che la Juventus giostra e gioca molto bene anche senza il validissimo Miranda a centrocampo.

La disponibilità di Incantalupo offre a Margaritis un'alternativa validissima che merita di essere considerata non solo quando dettata dalla sorte (squalifica o infortunio) ma a seconda delle caratteristiche dell'avversario di turno.

Squalifica o non squalifica, Margaritis farebbe bene ad insistere con Incantalupo per le ultime battute del campionato in modo da affrontare il torneo finale con la possibilità di scegliere fra due giocatori dalle caratteristiche così diverse.

Domenica prossima la Juventus dovrà superare il non facile ostacolo dell'Heidelbergh e quindi il Croatia e il Brisbane City e la settimana dopo l'ul-

tima di campionato in trasferta contro il Brisbane City.

Ormai le possibilità che la Juventus finisca in testa alla classifica del girone meridionale dipendono da un improbabile passo falso dell'Hellas che pur avendo un punto di vantaggio ha una differenza reti (-12) inferiore a quella della Juventus (+13) che, è bene farlo notare, ha segnato più reti di qualsiasi altra squadra del girone meridionale.

Adelaide City e Brisbane City hanno entrambe perso nettamente lo scorso weekend ed hanno molto poco da dire per il resto del campionato; scano che il Brisbane City non diventi un'altra buccia di banana per la Juventus proprio nell'ultima partita di campionato.

E considerando che la Juventus ha sciolto ben due volte sul West Adelaide ed una volta sull'Adelaide City (uniche tre sconfitte del campionato) non sarebbe poi tanto da meravigliarsene.

TORNEO INTERNAZIONALE

Il secondo torneo internazionale dell'anno vedrà di

scena il PSV Eindhoven (Olanda), l'AEK di Atene, la Stella Rossa di Belgrado e la nazionale australiana.

Purtroppo gli organizzatori del torneo non sono riusciti a reclutare una squadra italiana (dopo aver annunciato l'inclusione del Torino). La squadra olandese inoltre non potrà rimanere in Australia fino alla finale a causa di altri impegni già presi in Europa ed il suo posto nell'ultima partita sarà preso dalla statale del Victoria per la quale sono stati convocati i bianconeri Banovic, Lewis, Dowie e Wade (Peteresen sarà nella rosa della nazionale).

Da notare che questa volta il torneo si giocherà su campi di calcio, invece che sugli sconfinati campi di football e di cricket. A Melbourne si farà uso dell'Olympic Park, a Sydney del St George Stadium e ad Adelaide dell'Hindmarsh Stadium.

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όποιοι έδειξαν... κατενθουσιασμένοι.

Άραγε τούς άρεσε ή άνάπτυξη τού παι-
νιδιού τών παικτών τους; ή μήπως τό
παιγνίδι τού Μέρφου ή τού Χάφφουτ;
Πάντως τήν παράσταση έκλεψε ο ρεφερέ
άπό τό Στέβεν Ν.Τζιμ Νταϊνβίς ο όποιος
ήταν άριστος.



Action from the Greek spectacular at Middle Park last Sunday - Vlado Bozinovski (right) of SM-Hellas about to bring the ball under control, while watched by Steve Winn of Heidelberg-Alexander.

ΒΡΗΚΑΤΕ ΤΟ ΟΛΥΜΠΙΚ ΟΥΜΑ ΚΥΡΙΟΙ;

Τρομερά βαρειά και άπαρόδεκτη ήταν ή
τιμωρία πού έπέβαλε ή Πειθαρχική Έπι-
τροπή τού Ν/Λ στό Στέβεν Ολύμπικ.
Πολλοί είναι αυτοί πού λένε ότι όλα
ήταν στήμενα εις βάρος της ελληνικής
μας ομάδας.

Και ή τιμωρία τών παικτών ήλθε νά βεί
έπί κατά κάποιο τρόπο τούς ίσχυρισμούς
αυτούς.

Έβδο ο Σέπτερ όσο και ο Γκομέζ τιμωρή-
θηκαν μέ τήν ίδια ποινή.
Άν είναι δυνατόν, Άραγε αυτοί πού έ-
πέβαλαν τήν τιμωρία δέν είδαν καθόλου
τή περιβόητη φάση δέν είδαν ότι πρώτα
ο παίκτης της Χαντά έκανε τήν άρχή;
Αυτό ήταν και ο λόγος της παραίτησης

τού προέδρου τού 'Ολύμπικ κ.Τζιμ Πετι
νέλη άπό τό Ν/Λ.

ΤΙ ΘΑ ΓΙΝΕΙ ΜΕ ΤΟ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΑ;

Μέ τήν άναγγελία άπό τό Ν/Λ ότι τό σ-
στημα θά είναι τό ίδιο και στην σαιζόν
τού 1986 πολλά σωματεία άρχισαν νά άν-
τιδρούν. Φυσικά όχι επίσημα αλλά τουλά-
χιστον άφήνουν νά καταλάβουν οι ποδο-
σφαιροπατέρες πώς θά υπάρχουν έξελίξεις
στό μέλλον.

Ήδη ο πρόεδρος της 'Ελλάς κ.Τζιμ Δια
μαντάρης μίλησε έξω άπό τά δόντια και
είπε τήν γνώμη του πώς θά πρέπει νά γί-
νει ένα καλό και ίσχυρό πρωτάθλημα και
νά καταργηθούν οι δύο όμιλοι.

Και δέν είναι μόνο ο ήγέτης της 'Ε-
λλάς πού σκέπτεται σωστά αλλά και άλλα
σωματεία.

Συγκεκριμένα στην μνημεία συνεδρίαση
τών ομάδων τού Ν/Λ της Μελβούρνης οι
περισσότεροι εκπρόσωποι τών συλλόγων
τάχθηκαν ενάντια στό υπάρχον σύστημα.

ΗΤΑΝ ΕΣΩΤΗ ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΝ ΜΠΡΑΟΥΝ

Σίγουρα ή ενέργεια άπό μέρους της 'Ε-
λλάς νά παραμείνει ο Τόν Μπράουν ο τε-
χνικός τών νέων τού συλλόγου στό πόστο
του ήταν σωστή.

Ότι και νά προέκυψε και νά συζητήθηκε
δέν επιτρέπεται νά άπολόγεται ένας προ-
πονητής λίγες μέρες πριν τήν λήξη τού
πρωταθλήματος και ενώ ή ομάδα βρόσκε-
ται στην κορυφή και άγκαλιά μέ τόν τί-
τλο.

Τήν Κυριακή ή Ελλάς νίκησε 2-1 τόν Μέ
γα και έμεινε μόνη της στην 1η θέση μέ
δύο βαθμούς διαφορά.

Τά γκολ πέτυχαν οι Μήτσου - Σινάς και
γιά τόν 'Αλέξανδρο ο Νικολαΐδης.

ΝΤΟΠΗΝ ΓΙΑ ΟΛΟΥΣ

Τήν περασμένη Κυριακή ή ομάδα τού Ινά
στριαλ Αήν ΓΚΑΡΝΕΤ ΣΙΤΥ ήταν νά παί-
ξει εντός έδρας στό CRESSWICK TOWN
μέ τήν τοπική ομάδα.

Αυστυχώς όμως άλλα όλοι οι παίκτες
της ελληνικής ομάδας έκτός άπό δύο οι
όποιοι έβωσαν τό παρόν στό μικρόν γή-
πεδο... άπαξίωσαν νά κάμουν τόν κόπο
και νά είναι στην ώρα τους στόν αγώνα
τόν όποιο τελικά τόν πήρε ή ηττητοσύνη
2-0 χωρίς μάλιστα νά κουρασθεί.

Έίναι λυπηρόν άπό ανθρώπους πού έχουν
παίξει χρόνια μπάλια και διαθέτουν και
τήν κατάλληλη λογική νά συναντά κανείς
τέτοια άπαρόδεκτη άδιαφορία.

Τήν σύσταση τού ηττηδέν τήν είχαν ό-
λοι οι παίκτες και μπορούσαν νά δώσουν
τό παρόν τό όποιο κατά παρ'έξοχο τρόπο
τό δίνουν όλοι τους στό Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν
σά πενηντάια πού είναι στην έδρα τους.

Ή ομάδα τού Γκάρντεν Σίτυ έγινε άπό
παίκτες καλαίσθητους άπλώς γιά χόμπυ. Και
τέτοιοι ποδοσφαιριστές δαμάχουν κατά
έναντινάδες στην Μελβούρνη.

Όποιοσδήποτε λοιπόν άπό αυτούς τούς
όποιους κάλζουν υπορεί νά άντικαταστή-
σει. Και θά είναι καλύτερο ο πρόεδρος
νά πάρει τήν άπόφαση και νά σταματή-
σει τούς άδύνατους άρχίζοντας άπό σή-
μερα κι'όλας.

Τό ξαναλέμε ότι κανένας άπό τούς και

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

ZAKASNELA POBEDA

Trijumi JUST-a u Adelaidi izvise je nadu fanat-
icnih navijača u čudu, bez koga nema "plavinu"
spasa i opstanka u Nacionalnoj ligi. Sto je najvažnije
JUST je stekao kapital za pregovore za okruglim sto-
lom. Pored toga sto nekolicina klubova iz Nacionalne i
svih 14 iz Drzavne lige nemaju ni priblizan broj gle-
dalača, sve manje imaju kvalitet igrača za vrhunsko
takmicenje u Australiji, koje se inace nalazi u krizi
zbog ekonomskih teskocava.

Pored realnih mogućnosti, koje smo gore spomenu-
li, najvažniji navijači vidi i teoriji mogućnosti da
JUST ostane u Nacionalnoj ligi. Potrebno je da "plavi"
dobiju preostale tri utakmice protiv Adelaide
City-a, Green Gully-a i George Cressa, sto nije ne-
moguće. Ali zato i Green Gully treba da izgubi sve tri
utakmice sto zvuci nemoguće. Ipak, treba sačekati
sleduću nedelju 21. jula kad Green Gully gostuje u
Adelaidi protiv West Adelaide, koga je J.U.S.T. pre-
gazio sa 5:1 prošle nedelje. Na papiru to je najlakši
protivnik. Medjutim, ako se dogodi cudo i West Ade-
laide dobije oba boda, onda se Ajaksu pise crno iako
poslednje dve utakmice igra na svom terenu protiv
JUST-a i Makedonije.

JUST-ova pobeda u Adelaidi mogla je biti dvostruko
veca da Crook nije branio fenomenalno, a bile su i dve
precke, da ne spominjemo brojne "stitere". Očekivalo
se da ce JUST tako igrati, jer nije bilo pritiska. Ra-
cionalno da je na poslednju utakmicu JUST uvek bio sa
sanse. Pored toga, "plavi" su otisli na put bez Luke
Bonacica, kojih je svaki put kad je igrao bio igrač
utakmice. Ipak, odustili su se od navijačima i vratili
zacak nad bez koga nema fudbala.

Mladi tim JUST-a je pobedio u gostima Frankston
Pines sa 3:2 (2-0), ali je dobro igrao i prevo
luverne. Golove su postigli: Marino Oblak 2 i Andrija
Domingo 1.

Sastav mladog tima: Turudija, Djurdjevic, Ko-
rlevski, Ljuba Barjaktarevic, Lopatic, Krt, Oblak,
Domingo, Becvinovic, Brkic, Barjaktarevic.
U nedelju 20. jula igra JUST igra protiv Ade-
laide Citya na Schintler Reserve, a u predigri se sas-
taja mladi timovi J.U.S.T.-a i Fawknara.

JUST-ovu uspesnu nedelju zasluzili su i juniori
ispod 13 i 15 godina, dok su malisani ispod 12 godina
imali slobodan dan.

MAKEDONIJE TRIUMFUJE U ZAVRSNICI

I Nista nije mane tacno prica da je Melbourne
Croatia htela da izgubi nego da se J.U.S.T. Ajaksu da
pobekopala svog Jutog rivala JUST-a. Medjutim, da Mel-
bourne Croatia nije u dobroj formi pokazuju ostali re-
zultati a posebno susret sa Makedonijom, koji je izgu-
bila jer nije imala daha u zavrsnici.

Preostale tri utakmice Melbourne Croatia igra
protiv vodicih timova South Melbourne, Hellas, Ju-
ventus i Brisbane Lionsa, sve tri na Olympic Parku,
gde ima los rekord ova godine. Bez obzira na texak
respede od kraja prvenstva ne moze da ispadne iz
petorke niti da konkurise za prva dva mesta.

U silicnom je polozaju Makedonija, koja ima lakši
resped, ali moze jedino da se zavoli sa cetvrtim
mestom ispred Melbourne Croatiaje.

U nedelju 21. jula Makedonija gostuje u Brisbanu na
Spencer Parku, gde je do sada sudila bio 12. igrač
domaćeg tima. Javnosti je ipak dovoljno alarmirana,
pa postoji nada da Makedonija dobije postenjen
sudu i vrati se u Melbourne sa oba boda.

Mladi tim Makedonije igra takode u nedelju protiv
Croydon Citya u gostima. Utakmica pocinje u 3 po
podne.

PREVRTLJIVA IGRA ALTONE GATE

Broadmeadows-Altona Gate/VARDAR 2:0 (1-0)

ti, jer njegovi igrači jedne nedelje igralu kao sam-
poni a druge kao peccatnici. Proste nedlje su ubedljivo
pobedili protivka Melbourne, a ovog puta nisu se skoro
videli protiv Broadmeadows, koji tavori u sredini
tabele. Istina, vetar i hladnoca vise su odgovarali igri
domaćeg tima, ali i razigrani Pavle Simic, bivsi igrač
JUST-a, koji je izradio prva dva gola.

VAZNE POBEDE "SRBIJE" I "SINDJELICA"

Eltham-Ringwood/SRBIA 0:3 (0:3). Samo na po-
setku sezone igrači Srbije igralu su ovako dobro kao
Elthamu. Ako ovako nastave završice u gornjem delu
tabele, mada je kasno da se bore za prva dva mesta.
Protiv Elthama golove su postigli: Pavle Jeronovic i
jedanaesterca, posto je prethodno Anderson trusen u
kaznenom prostoru, Tibor Hagymas i autogol, poste
kornera koji je izveo tibor.

Sastav Ringwood/Srbije: Lorenc Leslie, Miki Djuric,
Tony GILMOUR, alex Nelson, Aho Demir, Tibor
Hagymas, Robert Erdag, Pavle Jeronovic, Steve An-
derson, Ilija Jukic Bosancic, Mladen Bjelogrić (Miki
Sedlarovic), William Ross. U timu nije bilo slabog
mesta, ali ipak su odskakali svojom igrom Miki
Djuric i Robert Erdag, koji zasluzuju posebnu pohvalu.

U sobotu 20. jula Ringwood/Srbija docekuje Sand-
ringham u North Ringwood.

Royal Richmond/SINDJELIC-Altona city 2:1 (1:1).
Tesna ali zasluzena pobeda sindjelica, koja, po recima
trenera Stankovica, donosi preokret u borbi za opstank
u drugoj diviziji. Strelec oba gola bio je Dragan
Vasic, koji ima njih za gol, ali ne iskoristi sve sanse.

U sobotu 20. jula Sindjelic igra u Geelongu protiv
Bell Parka.

NEOCEKIVAN PORAZ "PLAVIH" U SPRINGVALU

SPRINGVALE UTD.-Prahran/Slavia 0:1 (0:1).
"Plavi" iz Springvale izgubili su dva vazna boda u trei
za prvo mesto. Nadigrali su goste, ali sta vredni kada
nije bilo prisegnog igrača u navali da iskoristi brojne
sanse. Cane Veleviski je pet puta izbio pred golmana,
dok je Emil Petrov pogodio prečku. Gostima je bila
dovoljna jedna polusansa da odnesu oba boda.

Sastav Springvale Utd.: Zoran Mandic, Djura Sil-
cev, Milenko Culibrk, Ilija Kerezovic, Stevan Janjic,
Hitko Kalm (Johnny Skovrlj), Boris Maricic, Emil
Petrov, Zahid Topic (Dragoslav Jelcic od 75. min.).
Dragan Janjic, Aleksandar Veleviski. Zbog zutih kar-
tona nije igrao Milan Stojilovic, sto je primetno uti-
calo na igru i rezultat.

U sobotu 20. jula "Plavi" su ponovo domaćini, ovog
puta Essendonu kome duguju revans za visok poraz u
prvom delu prvenstva.

"MLADOST" DOBILA JUGO DERBI

Central city/CRVENA ZVEZDA-William-
stown/MLADOST 0:4 (0:4). Iako su svi golovi bili
regularni, po igri je rezultat previsok. Mladost je
igrala pribirano i iskoristila svaku gresku igrača Zvez-
de, koje je saviđala nervozu. Za pravo cudo najviše
su gresali najiskusniji igrači.

Sa ovom pobedom "Mladost" je ponovo favoriz za

prvota tñn ομάδα του και μετά τό ελληνι-
κό όνομα.

Ντροπήκαμε γιά τά όσα άκούσαμε - και
δέν είχαν άδικο - άπό τούς παράγοντες
τού CRESSWICK TOWN.

ΤΟ ΟΥΛΑ ΠΕΤΥΧΕ ΔΥΟ ΓΚΟΛ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΪΔΗΣ - ΓΚΙΟΥΣΙΚ ΚΑΙ ΕΧΑΣΕ ΔΥΟ... ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

Παίζοντας μέ τό Ντάντεντονγκ Σίτυ τό Σ.
'Ουλα μετ' άπό ένα μέτριο ήμύλκρονο κα
τάφερε στην επανάληψη νά νικήσει 2-0.
Στό 30' ο Ιρβάν έχασε πέναλτυ και στό
32' ο Στερνίου σημάδεψε τό δοκάρι.

Τό σκόρ άνοίξε ο Νικολαΐδης στό 65'
γιά νά τό διπλασιάσει ο Γκιούσικ στό
85' της συνάντησης.

Στό 90' τό 'Ουλα κέρδισε και νέο πένα-
λτυ τό όποιο τό έχασε αύτή τή φορά ο
Στοιάνου.

Έπαιξαν οι Τολίδης, Ααλέτας, Στοιάν-
ου, Μπατικιότο, Παζλίνα, Στερνίου, Λεονάρ-
δος, Νικολαΐδης, Καβαρτζινας (Γκιούσικ),
Καλιφατίδης, Ιρβάν.

Ή Β' ομάδα νίκησε 4-0 (Μιχαλόπουλος,
Ζοζέφσκι, Καρμαλάκης, Ρινοκίτο).

ΒΗΜΑ ΕΣΩΤΗΡΙΑΣ ΤΗΣ Ν.ΕΛΛΑΔ

Χρυσή νίκη πήρε ή Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ στό γηπέδο
της με 1-0 έπί της Μπατονόρα και έπι-
ζει νά ξεφύγει άπό τήν επικίνδυνη ζώνη
στό πρωτάθλημα της Γ' κατηγορίας τού Βι-
κτάρια Αήν.

Τό γκολ πέτυχε ο διαμαντάρης στό 68'
ο όποιος ήταν άπό τούς διακριθέντες
της ελληνικής ομάδας μαζί μέ τούς Ζακε
νίνο και Παράσκο πού άπέκοοσε πέναλτυ
όταν τό σκόρ ήταν άνοχη ισόπαλο.

ΜΕΤΑΑΝ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ

3-1 ΤΟ ΗΕΤ ΜΠΡΕΣΟΝΙΚ ΚΑΙ ΗΤΑΝ ΑΙΓΙΑ
ΕΚΤΕΛΕΣΤΗΣ Ο ΧΡΗΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΑΡΙΤΩΝΗΣ

Συνεχίζοντας τίς θαυμάσιες εμφανίσεις
του τό ΚΑΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ πέτυχε μία άκόμη με-
γάλη νίκη έπί τού Ηετ Μπρέσονικ 3-1
και κρατάει σταθερά τήν 3η θέση στόν Βα
θμολογικό πίνακα.

Ή ελληνική ομάδα παρά τίς άπουσίες Βα-
σικών παικτών της(Λορέντζι-Στρατάκης)ή-
ταν άντερη σε όλο σχεδόν τό διάστημα
και πέρα έδικαι τήν νίκη τήν όποια παρα-
δέχθηκαν και οι αντίπαλοι.

Τό σκόρ άνοίξε ο... τρομερός Ανδριώτης
στό 15' άπό πέρας δύο άντιπάλους.
Στό 56' πάλι ο 'Ανδριώτης σε σέντρα άπ-
τα δεξιά τού Πετρόπουλου μέ κεφαλάι κάρ-
φωσε τήν μπάλια στό δίχτυα τού Μπρέσ-
ονικ.

Ή Ιταλική ομάδα μετώσε μέ ένα γκολ πα-
ράξον πού άμφοισθηθήκαμε οάν φούλι άλλα
ο Ανδριώτης στό 72' έώσε τήν χαρακτηρισ-
τική βολή τού Μπρέσονικ κόνοντας άπό κοντά
τό τελικό 3-1.

Ο ρεφερέ της Εθνικής Κατηγορίας κ.Ι.
ΣΤΟΙΚΟΒΙΣ ήταν άριστος και κράτησε θαυ-
μάσια τόν αγώνα.

Άπό τήν νικήτρια δέν δοτέρησε κανένας
και όλα τά παιδιά άξίλζουν συγχαρητήρια.
Έπαιξαν οι Χόργιος, Γκέλλης, Καράλιας,
Τυρίκος, Μυστιρώτης, Πετρόπουλος, Πάτας,
Παπαγεωργίου, Βάκος, Ανδριώτης, Χρόνης.

ΤΡΑΥΜΑΤΙΣΘΗΚΕ Ο ΡΕΑΒΕΥ Μ.ΒΟΥΤΕΙΝΑΕ

Ετήν καθιερωμένη προπόνηση τών διαιτη-
τών, τραυματίστηκε ο έλληνας ρεφερέ κ.
Ντένης Βουταίνας ο όποιος θά παραμείνει
τολάχιστον ένα μήνα έξω άπό τά γήπεδα.
Συγκεκριμένα τραβήχτηκαν τά νεύρα τού
ποδιού του.

Στόν συμπαθή ρεφερέ ή στήλη εύχεται
ταχεία άνάρρωση.

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GERRY BENNETT

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

VS

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3 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

VS

NUNAWADING CITY

12.45 pm



TOMMY CUMMING

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

VS

GREEN GULLY

at **HINDMARSH STADIUM**

2.30 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:-

FRANKSTON PINES

VS

GREEN GULLY

AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED



JOZO ANTOLOVIC

MELBOURNE CROATIA

VS

STH MELBOURNE HELLAS

at **OLYMPIC PARK No. 1**

3 pm SUNDAY

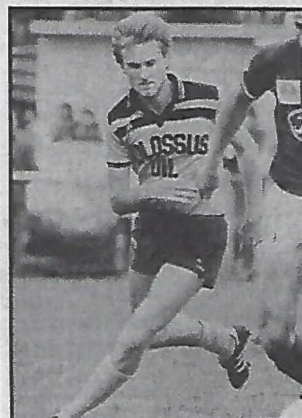
YOUTH GAME:-

MELBOURNE CROATIA

VS

STH MELB HELLAS

at **12.45 pm**



MIKE VALENTINE

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER

VS

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

at **OLYMPIC VILLAGE**

3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME

HEIDELBERG

ALEXANDER

VS

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

at **12.45 pm**



CON OPASINIS

BRISBANE CITY

VS

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

at **SPENCER PARK**

3pm SUNDAY

VIC YOUTH GAME

CROYDON CITY

VS

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED



JADRANKO KODJO

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

VS

ADELAIDE CITY

JUVENTUS

at **SCHINTLER RESERVE**

3 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

VS

FAWKNER

at **12.45 pm**

NORTHERN DIVISION

APIA LEICHHARDT vs CANBERRA OLYMPIANS

at **LAMBERT PARK 3 pm SUNDAY**

SYDNEY CITY vs NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD

at **SYDNEY ATHLETIC STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY**

SYDNEY CITY vs APIA LEICHHARDT

at **ST GEORGE STADIUM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**

INTER MONARO vs MARCONI

at **SEIFFERT OVAL 3 pm SUNDAY**

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at **COOK PARK 3 pm SUNDAY**

WOLLONGONG CITY vs ST GEORGE

at **WOLLONGONG SHOWGROUNDS 3 pm SUNDAY**

SYDNEY CROATIA vs BLACKTOWN

at **KING TOMISLAV PARK 3 pm SUNDAY**